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IRA rebuts Britain, says fight to continue

BELFAST, May 29 (Agencies) — The Irish Republican Army (IRA) said Friday it had enough men to fight for at least 10 more years, denying a claim by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher that it may have played its last card.

A leader of the guerrilla organization in Belfast told Reuters the IRA had won extra recruits because of the hunger strikes in the Maze prison by jailed Irish Republicans. On a one-day visit to Northern Ireland Thursday Mrs. Thatcher told community leaders that, faced with a discredited cause, the IRA had played in the hunger strikes what may be their last card. The IRA man, attached to its so-called Belfast Brigade, said: "We're not beaten yet. The people of Britain and Northern Ireland don't seriously believe what Mrs. Thatcher says." He pointed out that May 19 the IRA killed five British soldiers, the British Army's most blow since losing 18 soldiers, in the August 1979 Warrenpoint ambush.

Private army and police estimates put IRA strength at around 200. The IRA spokesman admitted it had fewer members than 10 years ago but claimed it was better organized.

"We have enough men to continue fighting for another 10 years," he said, adding that the IRA had the capability to carry out wide-spread and coordinated bombings. British soldiers fired plastic anti-riot bullets to disperse Catholic rioters in Londonderry but police said Catholic areas of Belfast were relatively quiet for the third successive night. "It looks as if the trouble surrounding the hunger strike deaths is waning," a police spokesman said.

Meanwhile, supporters of the IRA hunger strike at the Maze prison in Northern Ireland

claimed responsibility Friday for disrupting a series of election appearances by Irish Prime Minister Charles J. Haughey.

The prime minister was hit on the head with an egg in one of the Thursday night incidents, at Ballyshannon, in the northwest county of Donegal bordering the north.

Haughey was jostled by Irish Republican Army supporters, his speech was drowned out and police eventually hustled him into his official car which was thumped by protesters, according to reporters at the scene. The prime minister was not injured in any of the incidents. At Bundoran, four miles away, Haughey was heckled again and had to be bundled into a local ballroom by police to avoid pressing crowds, eyewitnesses reported.

Another IRA prisoner, 27-year-old Martin Hurson, Friday joined the fast in the Maze prison. He was sentenced in 1977 to 20 years jail for planting bombs and conspiring to kill members of the security forces. The hundreds of IRA men in the Maze say they will keep four men on hunger strike until Britain recognizes their political motives and grants them a special non-criminal status.

Hurson began the hunger strike by refusing breakfast, shortly after his move was announced by the Irish Republican Army's political branch, Sinn Fein.

Hurson joined the protest after fellow-Republican Brendan McLaughlin called off his 15-day-old fast Thursday so that doctors could treat him for a stomach ulcer.

Clashes broke out in Londonderry after a shoot-out Thursday between a plainclothes soldier and three IRA gunmen. Two of the gunmen were killed and the third wounded. Trucks were hijacked and set alight.

Korean officials ignore student riots

SEOUL, May 29 (AP) — Three consecutive days of anti-government demonstrations by South Korean students stir memories, but no reliable predictions as to whether they will continue or die out.

A government official sought to shrug them aside as relatively small, isolated incidents that pose no threat to the government of President Chun Doo-hwan. He said they have involved only a few hundred students, while the rest of the country has gone about its day-to-day business without notice.

The latest known protest took place Friday at Seoul National University on the outskirts of the capital, as did those Wednesday and Thursday. It was reported to have involved about 700 students, and was broken up quickly by the riot police.

The earlier demonstrations on the huge campus this week were reported to have involved up to 1,000 students at times. On Wednesday a 22-year-old student plunged to his death from the fifth floor of the school library after shouting slogans denouncing the government.

Wednesday was the first anniversary of the day military force moved to crush an uprising in the southern city of Kwangju, where the official death toll was put at 189. Some student activists had called for observance of the Kwangju anniversary period as a time of remembrance.

Asked Friday how long the demonstrations would go on, one student replied, "maybe as long as Kukupung," referring to a huge folk festival being staged on Yoido Island in Seoul, and aimed at attracting participation of university and college students from over the country. The festival, named "Kukupung '81," opened Thursday and is scheduled to continue through Monday.

It was sponsored by the state-run Korea Broadcasting System, and student critics have termed it an expensive, government-backed effort to involved student energies and dampen protests during the Kwangju anniversary period. The government official stressed the fact that the festival had drawn 800,000 people on its first day, and said simi-

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PAIN KILLER: A unique electronic pain killer has been developed at Johns Hopkins University, Columbia. Robert Fischell, chief of Technology Transfer in the Space Department at the university's Applied Physics Laboratory displays the device invented by his department. It is implanted beneath the skin and can be adjusted by radio command from outside the body.

Kingdom urges U.S. to hold talks with PLO

By Susan Gray and Fozil Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 29 — A Saudi Arabian-led diplomatic initiative on resolving the Lebanese crisis is directed at drawing an agreement from the United States to entertain a dialogue with the Palestinians, Arab sources here have told Arab News.

According to the same sources, this recognition by the United States of the need for talks with the Palestinian leadership — headed by Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat — would be the first step in defusing the immediate flashpoint of the crisis between Syria and Israel caused by Syria's placing of anti aircraft missiles in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

Official American sources here Thursday, in speaking about Israel's air strikes inside Lebanon Wednesday, were quick to emphasize that the Israelis were responding to

attacks from Libyan ground missiles and were not striking directly at Palestinian positions. This was regarded as a sign by both American and Arab diplomats here that Israel recognizes there is a diplomatic initiative underway to bring the United States and Palestinians together and the Israel air raids would not jeopardize this effort.

The Kingdom, who reportedly is exploring a long-term basic solution to the instability in Lebanon, would like to see a national reconciliation with all the Christian and Muslim factions there, other sources said.

Saudi Arabia is also said to view the Lebanese crisis in two facets — one an Arab problem and the second the threat of a broader Arab-Israeli confrontation. Getting an agreement for a dialogue between the United States and the PLO is the step the Kingdom believes necessary not only to avert a confrontation between Israel and Syria but to bring about a stable Lebanon and once

again give it a truly all-Arab nature.

Special American Middle-East emissary Philip Habib, called back from the Middle East for consultations with President Reagan and other top U.S. diplomats, is also likely to meet with Saudi Arabian and other Arab diplomats working here to avert an outbreak of hostilities between Israel and Syria over the missiles.

For the past two weeks, Saudi Arabian envoys have been shuttling in and out of Beirut, Damascus and Washington.

In another development, Arab News learned Thursday that four Middle Eastern leaders will be visiting Washington in the next few months. No dates have been set for the official visits of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd, Jordan's King Hussein, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and the Israeli Prime Minister.

Official announcements of the visits are reportedly being tied to the results of the Israeli national election June 30.

Poles want party to expel former leader

WARSAW, May 29 (Agencies) — Angry Communists in Katowice, Poland's coal and steel center, strongly condemned their former leader and called for his expulsion from the party for damaging the country, Warsaw radio reported Friday.

Zdzislaw Grudzien, a close associate of former National Party leader Edward Gierek who was ousted during last summer's Gabor turmoil, resigned as Katowice party leader last fall after quitting the ruling politburo.

Meanwhile, Poland's Solidarity Free Trade Union said Friday it was launching a campaign to find out if food, which is becoming increasingly scarce, is being stockpiled.

In an open letter to the Prime Minister Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, it said that because of the critical food shortages, it recognized no limits on seeking and revealing information on the storage and movement of food.

Recent reports in the national press had alleged that food is being deliberately withheld from the market to create further ten-



sion.

The Solidarity letter also complained to the prime minister that investigations to date on police action in Bydgoszcz last March, in which union members were beaten up, had not been satisfactory. Solidarity's letter, drafted at a meeting of the national commission, also criticized the government for negotiating pay deals behind its back with other unions.

The Polish government charged Thursday that foreign intelligence services were taking advantage of the current crisis to flood the country with spies, PAP reported. Deputy Interior Minister Wladyslaw Pozoga told Polish journalists that foreign spymasters considered the situation in the country offered an exceptional opportunity to strengthen their penetration of Poland and to weaken links between the Socialist nations and undermine their defense potential.

In another development, about 2,000 common law prisoners have gone on hunger strike to protest at their conditions, the Solidarity news bulletin *Mazowiec* said Friday.

France plans to halt atomic tests

PARIS, May 29 (AFP) — France plans to halt its nuclear test explosions at the Pacific test site of Mururoa for the time being, the defense ministry announced Friday.

Tests aimed at perfecting the French strategic and tactical nuclear weapons arsenals were to have been carried out within the next few days. The planes, which were to carry nuclear specialists and materials neces-

sary for the scheduled tests, did not leave base, the ministry said.

Sources said the new Defense Minister Charles Hernu called the halt to give the government of President Francois Mitterrand time to review the portfolio on nuclear testing carried out since 1966 at the Mururoa atoll in French Polynesia.

Female 'ghost' baffles French police

MONTPELLIER, Southwest France, May 29 (AFP) — Baffled gendarmes hunting an elusive female hitch-hiker Friday admitted that their quarry might be a ghost.

They said they were now taking seriously pages of evidence from four young persons who swear that a woman to whom they gave a lift on the night of May 20 simply disappeared from their car. "She sat between two of us in the back seat, dressed completely in white," one of the four said Friday.

"When we neared a bend, she suddenly cried out 'careful, this corner is dangerous. The driver braked, and when we rounded the bend, the woman in white had vanished." Police were sceptical at first but grew more intrigued when each of the four witnesses gave identical versions of the story.

And then, looking through police files, they noticed that three other sightings of a phantom lady hitch-hiker had been reported in southwest France over the past five years

Arafat admits Libyan role

BEIRUT, May 29 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat Friday confirmed the presence of Libyans among his commando forces and denied that an Israeli air strike Thursday and overnight seaborne raid had destroyed any Palestinian positions.

He also implicitly blamed U.S. peace envoy Philip Habib for the air attack in which Israel said it had destroyed a Libyan-manned missile base near Damour, south of Beirut. Arafat's press conference remarks about Libyans fell far short of confirming Israeli claims that there were Libyan military units and weapons in Lebanon.

He paid tribute to "those heroes from revolutionary Libya".

The PLO has long publicised the fact that there are many volunteers from Arab and other countries fighting in its ranks.

Arafat denied that the Israelis had destroyed any Palestinian positions and he challenged them to prove that a single position has been destroyed. Commenting on Thursday's air attack, Arafat said "Philip Habib met (in Israel) with the enemy's five senior generals who briefed him on the situation ... these generals take their orders directly from the Pentagon."

"The best proof of this is that less than 24 hours after Habib's arrival in Washington, enemy planes attacked peaceful civilians of our Lebanese and Palestinian peoples."

Meanwhile, Israel followed up its air raid against the Lebanese coastal town of Damour with a sea-borne commando raid in the same area, in which two persons were reported killed.

A Palestinian military spokesman said the Israelis stormed ashore just before midnight at Naameh, 25 kms south of Beirut, and destroyed a military vehicle before withdrawing. Palestinian sources said Israeli gunboats had fired at nearby Damour, a Palestinian position during the 20-minute raid. The attack came within hours of the air strike in which Israeli planes bombed and rocketed the town for almost three hours.

There were widely varying versions of the casualty toll from the air raid. The Lebanese state radio said at least 25 persons had been killed or injured, while other Beirut radio stations and newspapers cited figures ranging up to 30 dead and 100 injured.

In Washington, United States special envoy Philip Habib said Friday, he will pursue his Middle East mediating effort with a return trip to the region next week. He gave no specific date for his departure.

Habib made the announcement after an hour-long meeting with President Ronald Reagan, after which Reagan said the first part of the mission had produced "almost miraculous" results.

"There was only one way to describe when he went there," Reagan said. "The guns were cocked and ready to go. From the very verge of war, we have three weeks of peace thanks to Habib."

Dutch leaders called

THE HAGUE, May 29 (R) — Queen Beatrix called in political leaders Friday at the start of inter-party consultation on the formation of a new Dutch coalition government.

The composition of the new government will have a key bearing on whether the Netherlands agrees to accept 48 U.S. cruise missiles as part of a project to nuclear build-up in Europe. Political commentators forecast that Christian Democratic Prime Minister Andries Van Agt may be forced to seek the support of the anti-nuclear labor parties and other critics of the missile program in order to get a workable parliamentary majority.

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To welfare organizations

Lebanese thank King Khaled for aid

BEIRUT, May 29 (SPA) — The Kingdom contributed 40 million Lebanese Lira as assistance to Lebanese welfare organizations, officials reported Friday. The funds were handed over to representatives of the charitable organizations by Sheikh Ali Al-Shaar.

the Kingdom's ambassador to Lebanon. Sheikh Shaer met with former Lebanese prime minister, Saeb Salam, during which he presented LL30 million check as donation from the Saudi Arabian government to the Islamic Charitable Society of Beirut.

Sheikh Shaer also received Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the Mufti of Lebanon, and handed him two checks of LL5 million each as contribution to the Dar Al-Ifta Al-Islami and the Islamic Endowments Organization.

The two Lebanese leaders thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their attention to Lebanon, its citizens, interests and their attempts to restore security and stability. They expressed their admiration and that of the Lebanese people for the Kingdom's determination to get the country away from its problems and reinforce the Arab presence in the region to confront Israel.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian ambassador met with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros and later with Arab Deterrent Force Commander Brig. Sami Al-Khatib. The meetings are part of a series of contacts with religious and political leaders to discuss various issues related to the recent developments in Lebanon in preparation for the Arab Follow-up Committee's forthcoming meeting.

Kingdom gives U.N. university \$1m

UNITED NATIONS, New York, May 29 (SPA) — The United Nations announced that Saudi Arabia has contributed \$1 million as its fourth payment to the endowment fund of the United Nations University in Tokyo. The Kingdom pledged in March 1977 to contribute \$5 million to the university, and with the new instalment, has already paid

\$4,070,000.

In a comment on Thursday, Mr. Soedjarmoko, rector of the university, said Saudi Arabia continues to show that the country is a source of encouragement for the institution. To date, 33 countries have pledged contributions to the university's endowment and operating funds totalling nearly \$144 million,

of which about \$112 million has been received.

On Wednesday, Dr. Mahsoun, Jalal, board chairman of OPEC's International Development Fund, announced that Saudi Arabia gave Third World countries aid totaling \$20 billion, or six percent of its national income between 1976 and 1980.

Saudi Arabian aid constitutes 41 percent of all OPEC assistance to the Third World, and equals 15 percent of the aid given to those countries by the industrial world, he added.

As part of the Saudi Arabian annual aid averaging \$4 billion, the Kingdom gave \$1.5 billion in the form of outright grants and \$2.5 billion in the form of loans, the official said.

Fahd to open kindergarten

RIYADH, May 29 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd will dedicate Riyadh Model Institute's kindergarten Sunday. The kindergarten, located at Maazar Street opposite the Intercontinental Hotel, comprises

24 classes that accommodate 700 children. In addition, it has a large recreation hall, a ceremonies hall, a theater and a dining hall that accommodate 1,000 children.

BRIEFS

Mauritania minister leaves

RIYADH, May 29 (SPA) — Mauritanian Foreign Minister Dahan Ould Ahmed left here Friday to Jeddah. During his stay in Riyadh, the Mauritanian minister held talks with his Saudi counterpart, Prince Saud Al Faisal on bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern.

Muslim league protests casino's name JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Islamic World League Thursday strongly protested against the naming of a night club in Glaxco, Britain, after Holy Makkah. In a statement issued, the Islamic World League has called on all concerned bodies and organizations to apologize for the slanderous act that could harm the cordial relations between the Islamic world and Britain.

Present airport for private planes JEDDAH, May 29 — The present airport

will remain open to private air traffic for four months after the opening of King Abdul Aziz Airport Sunday, according to Okaz Friday. It quoted Saudi sources as saying that the move will facilitate coordination of the transfer of traffic to the new airport. All commercial flights will be transferred to the new airport as of early Sunday morning.

Final examinations set JEDDAH, May 29 — In Hasa, 41,051 students of various levels will sit for the final examinations concluding the current academic year. Al-Jazirah reported, Saturday, Sulaiman Al-Mutlaq, head of the examinations department, said that 30,747 students from 134 primary schools will sit for the examinations, 6,060 students from 40 intermediate schools and 1,378 students from nine secondary schools.

Diplomats' wives complete courses

JEDDAH, May 29 — The first group of diplomats' wives completed course in English, diplomatic protocol and culture from King Abdul Aziz University Thursday. The course was organized by the Foreign Ministry's own Center for Diplomatic Studies in cooperation with the university.

Fatma Nassif, in charge of the course, said she was delighted with the success of the first class and proud that the center and the university have helped the graduates learn more and thus become more helpful to their husbands on foreign diplomatic assignments, Okaz reported Friday.

"The graduates will be fine representatives of their country," she said. "They also will prove the great care and attention that they receive from their own government." Fore-

ign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal who established the center in the first place was equally eager to impart the proper training to the wives who will accompany their diplomats abroad.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12.18	12.19	11.50	11.37	12.02	12.31
Asr (Evening)	3.33	3.41	3.13	3.04	3.29	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.59	7.06	6.38	6.28	6.52	7.26
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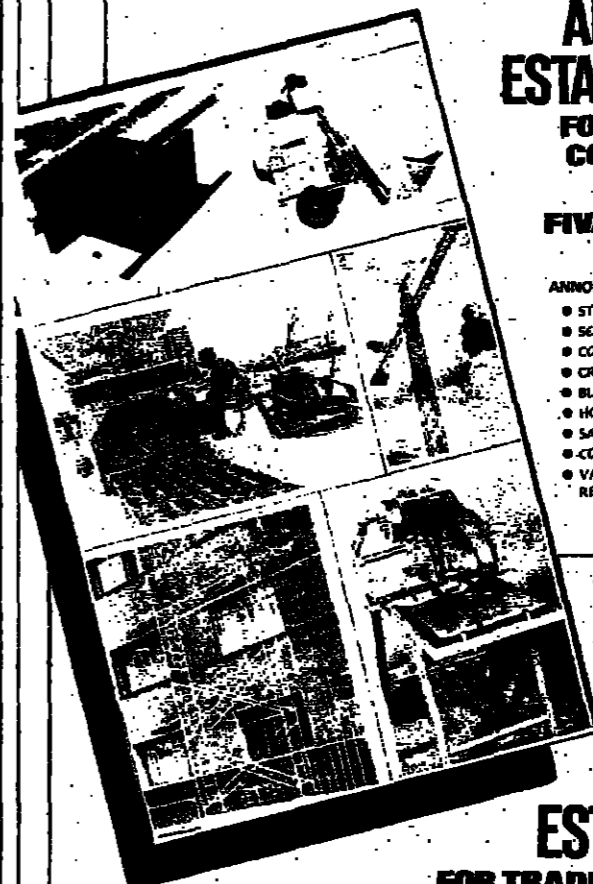
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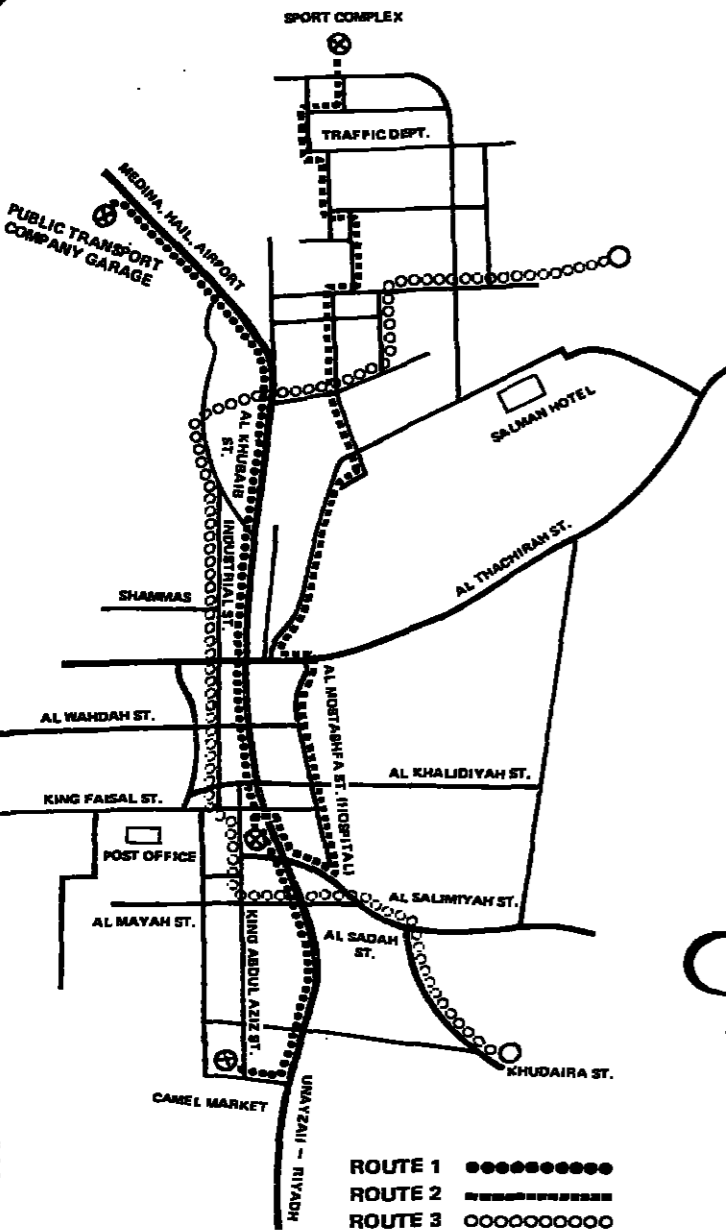
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In' Riyadh

Naif to lay cornerstone for computer center

RIYADH, May 29 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif will lay Saturday the cornerstone for the proposed SR800 million National Computer Information Center to be built in Riyadh.

The project is comprised of four major factors. The first is a computer system that includes equipment and programming. The second comprises ten buildings for equipment, experts, administrators and technicians. Three of them will be located in Riyadh and will be named the National Information Center. They will include a central data bank, a training institute and a support building that will accommodate instructors and experts.

Kharj aid noted

JEDDAH, May 29 (SPA) — The Agricultural Bank's Kharj branch granted SR143 million loans for 24 projects in the region during the past fiscal year, officials reported Friday.

Abdul Aziz Al-Daej, the bank's Kharj branch director, said that SR63.8 million loans were granted to nine poultry farms to produce chickens, SR4.5 million for four poultry farms that will produce eggs, SR11.9 for two dairy farms, SR6 million for three green houses and SR57.5 million for six projects for improving agricultural production in the region.

The other seven buildings will be located in Jeddah, Taif, Abha, Dammam, Buraidah, Arar and Tabuk.

The third factor will be training, which comprises two phases. The first phase will be for academic and technical training in the form of courses in the United States. The sessions will be for workers at the project and the national information center. The second phase will concern training of other departments that benefit from the project. The trainees will be Saudi Arabian nationals and training will start once the project's construction work is completed.

The fourth factor of the project will be maintenance.

The information center will serve all departments of the Interior Ministry, especially the Passports and Civil Status Department and the Public Security. The major portion of the information center's activities will be devoted to these two sectors at an average of 80 per cent.

The center also will provide services for issuing and renewing passports, driving licenses, car registration documents, identity cards and residence permit cards for foreigners. In addition, the center will help in border checks, regulating the arrival of pilgrims and their stay and confirm their departure from the country after performing the pilgrimage.



DISPLAY: Opening the Redec Plaza photo display on Wednesday was Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi (center). The exhibition includes the works of Saudi Arabia's Khaled Khidir (right). Other photographs include Ansel Adams' pictures of the American West, Rick Ruth, of the United States embassy accompanies the mayor and explains Adams' photos. The American photographer wasn't present as a result of a recent operation.

BY ADAMS: Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park, California

Foreign firms receive business rules warning

JEDDAH, May 29 — Saudi Arabian Deputy Commerce Minister Abdul Rahman Al Zamil warned that foreign firms not paying attention to rules and regulations for participating in the Kingdom's development could damage the agreeable business environment.

According to a report by Saudi Business magazine, the official said the Saudi Arabian market has been both promising and attractive for foreign contractors, service companies and consultants. The business community and officials here have been receptive and hospitable to foreign firms participation in development, he added.

But, the deputy minister said that in return for such an agreeable business environment, the Kingdom expects that all firms and individuals — regardless of nationality — adopt

and maintain a positive attitude toward the Saudi business community.

It's no secret that a gap exists between domestic and international business communities, the magazine reported. Complaints have been aired over the foreign firms ignoring the potential of local industry, and leaning toward their own national group instead, the magazine added.

Thus, we would like to ask foreign firms, consultants and contractors for a solution: to them we point out that domestic industries are demanding action insuring that international enterprises respect local laws. At stake is the near-total freedom under which business is done in Saudi Arabia, for legislation could hinder or certainly limit foreign operations, the deputy minister told Saudi Business.

COMMENT

By Omar Ghariyah

Okz:
The standard of cleanliness in Jizan has risen considerably in the last few months. The town is a lot cleaner and the municipality is doing its best to keep it that way which is prompting the people to cooperate in their own way to help it along. This is largely the result of the efforts made by Mayor Muhammad Ahmad Buraik, who must be commended for the standard of public hygiene in the town. But I do have a comment to make that he will be able to continue the effort during Fridays.

On Friday the people go out for shopping and prayers and the town needs to look clean. At the same time the municipality will have to take action against shopkeepers who throw away the empty cartons and other boxes onto the street. Those found guilty must be fined to maintain the town's standard of cleanliness.

Tool standards issued

RIYADH, May 29 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization issued new standard specifications for measurement tools as molds and meters. The proposed specifications were circulated to concerned parties to be considered before the official application.

Japanese praise Kingdom's policies

RIYADH, May 29 (SPA) — Invitations have been extended to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to visit Japan, according to Japanese officials here who said their country's government hopes the visits would take place at the nearest opportunity.

Japanese Ambassador here T. Nakamura said his country holds the Kingdom's policy that maintains the world economy and thus peace and stability in high esteem. He praised Saudi Arabia's policy, especially concerning oil and described it as "a policy governed by wisdom and reason."

In an interview with Al-Jazirah Friday the

ambassador said that Saudi Arabian-Japanese relations are "very strong" and will be stronger and deeper in the future. There is a program for exchanging visits of senior officials from the two countries to promote bilateral relations, he added.

Nakamura said that the Japanese economy and industry minister will visit the Kingdom next month to attend the annual meetings of the Saudi Arabian-Japanese Joint Commission. The Japanese communications minister also will visit Saudi Arabia the same month at the invitation of Dr. Fayed Badr, president of the ports authority.

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Zionists influencing U.S., say British MPs

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) — Two Conservative members of the British parliament say powerful "Zionist pressure groups" are causing a pro-Israel tilt in American foreign policy that is damaging the overall strategic interests of the West.

"I have always thought that if an American president had the guts to stand up to them for once, you'd find they are not as powerful as they seem to be," said Dennis Walters, chairman of the Parliamentary Conservative Middle East Council. Walters and Lord Chelwood, a member of the House of Lords and the council president, said a necessary precondition to bringing lasting peace to the Middle East is solving the future status of the Palestinian Arabs.

And they suggested U.S. officials have "a total misconception of the realities of the situation" if they expect longtime adversaries in the Middle East to put their differences aside merely because the United States now contends the most important threat to the region comes from the Soviet Union. The British parliamentarians commented in a meeting with reporters arranged by the Center for U.S.-European Middle East Cooperation which, as they do, supports the so-called European initiative. That proposal, as expressed in a declaration issued in Italy a year ago by members of the European Community, said an impasse had been reached in the Camp David process and called for reconvening the Geneva conference with full

participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Walters said the United States can exercise influence and "partial leverage" on Israel by virtue of the fact that it is Israel's sole weapons supplier. He predicted the United States will use such measures once it takes all facts fully into account — including the Middle East's oil resources and makes "an American political assessment of where your interests and our interests and Western interests lie."

He said Zionist pressure groups in the United States "dominate Western foreign policy against all of our interests." Walters said he believes it would be a good idea for Lord Carrington, the British foreign minister, to meet with PLO chief Yasser Arafat before next October.

Commandos to confront Israeli project

BEIRUT, May 29 (R) — The Palestine News Agency Wafa has described Israeli plans to dig a canal between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean as an aggressive action and said the commando movement had decided to confront the project.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee met Thursday and "decided to confront the aggressive action being undertaken by the (Israeli) occupation authorities, namely digging a canal from the Gaza Strip to the Dead Sea," Wafa said. The agency did not elaborate on the steps contemplated.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin earlier Thursday attended a ceremony near the Dead Sea marking the first test drilling for the projected canal.

Sadat-Begin talks to cover Lebanon

CAIRO, May 29 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat Friday said he has "very urgent matters" to discuss with Israeli Premier Menahem Begin and a ranking diplomat said the Egyptian leader will discuss means to defuse the Syrian-Israeli crisis over Lebanon.

Sadat and Begin are to hold one-day summit talks June 4 in the Sinai peninsula. A senior diplomat said the Syrian-Israeli missile crisis, means to defuse it, and a review

of steps for the final withdrawal of Israeli troops from Sinai will be discussed at the surprise meeting. Sadat will meet Israeli labor party leader Shimon Peres at Alexandria June 7, three days after his meeting with Begin.

Meanwhile, Egypt and Israel are at odds over the amounts each nation will pay to support a multinational peace force along their once war-torn Sinai desert border, sources

said Thursday.

These sources, however, told AP the differences between the two sides would not likely trip up progress on creating the force, due to be in place by next April. Delegates from Egypt, Israel and the United States Thursday ended three days of intensive talks on building the first-of-its-kind force that is called for in the American-fostered Camp David Middle East peace.

BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has recommended another six-month extension of the mandate of the U.N. peacekeeping force stationed in Cyprus since 1964.

ADEN, (AP) — A Soviet naval flotilla arrived in Aden, South Yemen, it was officially announced Thursday.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Soviet Army newspaper, *Red Star* reported Friday that Col. Boris Rogontsev had died "in the course of duty," reviving speculation on military casualties in Afghanistan.

BELGRADE, (R) — Iraq wants a ceasefire and a negotiated solution of the Gulf war with Iran, Iraqi first deputy prime minister Taha Yassin Ramadan told Yugoslav Prime Minister Veselin Djuranovic Thursday, officials reported.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. aircraft carrier Independence and two escorting warships are heading for the United States after being kept in the eastern Mediterranean for an extra week or so because of the Syria-Israeli crisis, the defense department said Thursday.

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — An Italian parliamentary delegation headed by foreign affairs committee chairman Giulio Andreotti ended a five-day visit to Ethiopia Thursday pledging "maximum" support for the country's developing efforts.

MOSCOW, (R) — King Hussein of Jordan concluded his three-day state visit to the Soviet Union during which he held talks with President Leonid Brezhnev and other Soviet leaders, the official Tass news agency said.

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ENDEMIC DEFECTS

The former leaders of government in Poland have stood up recently to practise self-criticism: financial managerial mistakes in the past were brought out into the open and apologized for, or at least explained.

The news for everyone concerned was, of course, not those "errors of judgment" in the past, since everyone knew about them but had to keep quiet at the time they were made. The news was the belated recognition that it was these mistakes which led to the present situation in Poland, and that this account has in some sense to be rendered.

Mismanagement and corruption are new neither to Poland nor to the other countries of the Eastern Bloc. In each of these countries new classes have been formed, composed of party and government functionaries, developing a life-style of luxury at the expense of their hard-pressed populations. Indeed, the similarities between the life-style of such functionaries and that of the highest paid business executives to the West are nothing if not obvious.

It is certainly good that the people of Poland should hear those former leaders owning up to past misdeeds. But that does not mean that the present rulers have learned their lesson, and that corruption and mismanagement will somehow cease. The fact is that such defects are endemic to the one-party Communist type of government, where an elite is sooner or later corrupted by its absolute power.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah* highlighted King Khalid's message to Syrian President Hafez Assad, Israel's air raids on Lebanon, King Khalid's visit to Britain next month, and the forthcoming meeting between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin next week.

Commenting on the Gulf conference and its positive outcome, *Okaz* said the Western world is aware that coherence and strong ties among the Gulf states will ultimately lead to more progress and prosperity in the area and a change from a mere consuming market for foreign products into a productive independent market.

"The formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) means the emergence of a Gulf entity with a strong influence on the international will and a shrinkage of the West's influence and love of hegemony," the paper said.

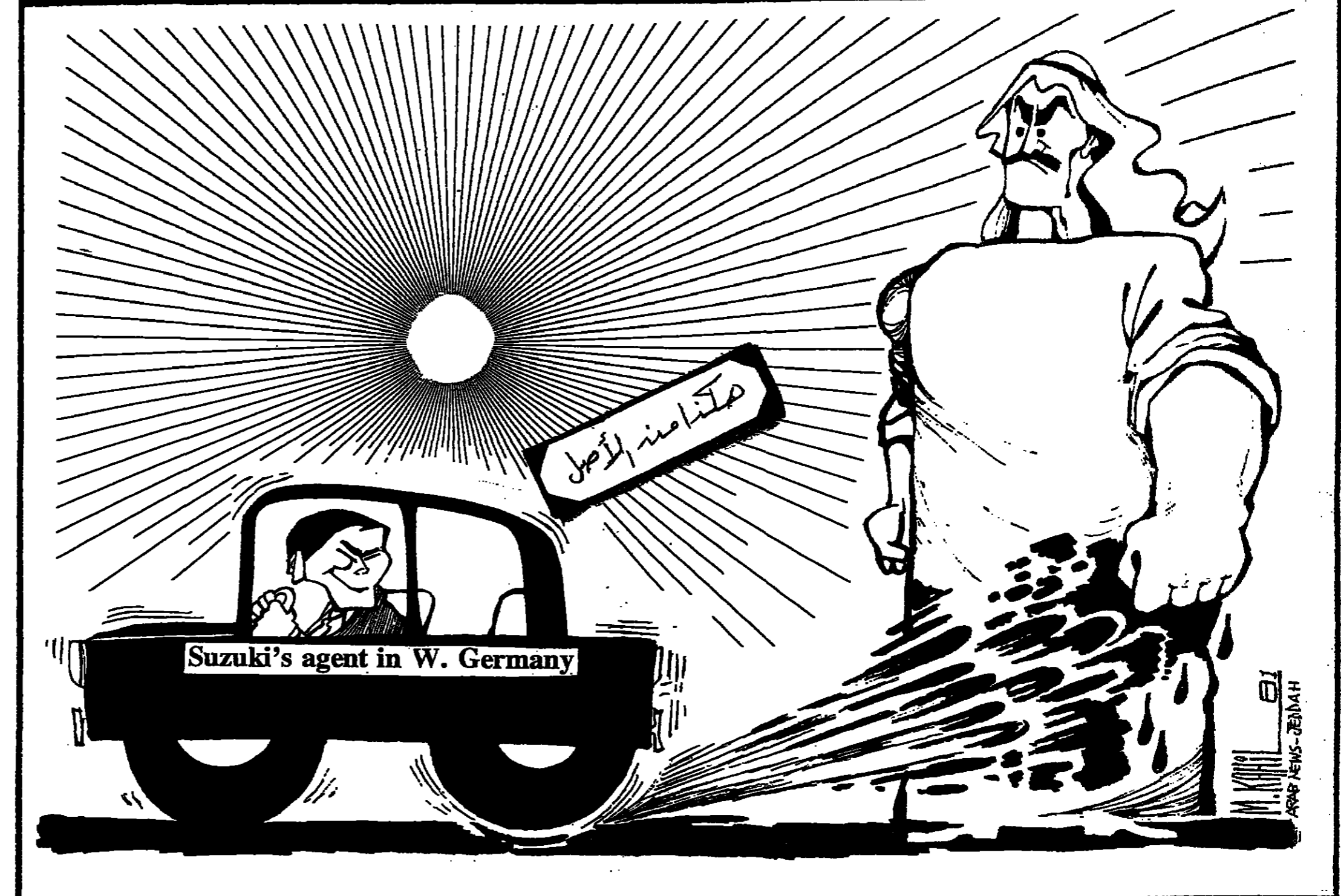
Okaz described the formation of the GCC as the first Gulf experience for genuine unity in contemporary Arab history.

tion toward events and a free will rejecting all forms of foreign intervention and mandate.

"The challenges facing the GCC member states will make the Gulf peoples more aware and determined to achieve their desired goals for stability and liberating the occupied Arab lands and holy places," *Okaz* added.

Al-Jazirah led with the Kingdom's aids to the Third World countries from 1976 to 1980 and said these aids (\$20 billion) have helped these countries to overcome their economic bottlenecks and hardships and go ahead with their development projects. The paper noted that these aids represent not only 6 percent of the Kingdom's GNP but also 16 percent of the total aids granted by the industrialized rich countries to the Third World in this period.

The paper hailed the Saudi role in granting a positive and fruitful aid to the Third World nations. It also praised Saudi Arabia's role in defending the oil price freezing policy in order not to damage the international economy and in saving the Third World countries



China's diplomatic offensive in Indian subcontinent

By Jonathan Sharp

PEKING — China is preparing to launch a diplomatic offensive in Pakistan, India and the rest of the subcontinent with several aims in mind, but all linked to familiar Chinese charges of Soviet expansionism. Premier Zhao Ziyang, making his second overseas trip since his appointment last September, visits Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh in early June.

Before the month is out, he will be followed by Foreign Minister Huang Hua, who although at present in hospital with a bladder infection is expected to be well enough to proceed with a tour of India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. The proximity of the visits suggests a coordinated effort by the Chinese, diplomats noted, at a time when Peking continues to berate the Soviet Union for harboring "Tsarist dreams" of pushing southward to the Indian Ocean and the Gulf.

In the longer term, China may even be feeling its way toward a series of interlocking alliances as a counter to Soviet influence in the Indian Ocean, Indochina and Afghanistan, one diplomat said. China is already on good terms with the five members of the Association of Southeast Asian

Nations (ASEAN), which links Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines. Peking may see the Indian subcontinent as another possible link in a chain of Chinese-supported anti-Soviet alliances.

The announcement of Zhao's trip to Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh between June 1 and 10 came as something of a surprise. Previously it had been planned to send a vice-foreign minister, Han Nianlong, to the three countries to balance Huang's visit to India. Diplomats here speculated that the visits were upgraded after one or all of the three countries expressed disappointment that they rated only a vice-foreign minister. It will be the first visit by a Chinese premier to Nepal since Chou En-lai went there in 1960.

Zhao's visit to Bangladesh will be the first by a Chinese premier since its independence in 1971. Both Nepal and Bangladesh have cordial relations with Peking. One of Zhao's aims, the diplomats added, will be to reassure the three countries he visits that Huang's India trip will not affect China's close relations with them.

But at the same time China feels that to play any credible role in the region, it must have at least an understanding with India because of its size and

influence, they said. China has said that as the two biggest countries in the region, China and India have a responsibility for maintaining stability.

The Soviet intervention in Afghanistan is all the more reason for the two Asian giants to have at least a non-hostile relationship, the Chinese feel. But some of the more strident Chinese pronouncements on the Soviet threat in the Indian Ocean are likely to fall on deaf ears in New Delhi, which opposes the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan but does not believe the Soviet Union is a threat to the subcontinent.

While in Pakistan, Zhao will doubtless pay tribute to the two countries' durable friendship, which was highlighted this month with celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. But he is likely to repeat China's view, already well known to Pakistani leaders, that because of the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, the improvement of relations between Pakistan and India is important.

Huang presumably will take the same message to India, where his visit beginning on June 26, will mark an important step forward after a period of strain. The foreign minister had been due to visit India last year, but the visit was called off after New Delhi recognized the Vietnamese-backed govern-

ment of President Heng Samrin in Kampuchea, a gesture which Peking called "stupid." But diplomatic sources said Huang was unlikely to belabor the Indochina issue. China feels vindicated in its position of supporting the ousted Khmer Rouge government now that it is recognized in the United Nations.

The atmosphere in Sino-Indian relations improved somewhat after Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's visit to India last December. Chinese media noted approvingly that India had maintained an independent, nonaligned stance.

But much toughness remains, as illustrated last weekend when China took strong exception to reported remarks by a senior Indian Foreign Ministry official, Eric Gonvalves, who was said to have called the Chinese "fool" for their Indochina policy. And the border dispute that caused the two countries to go to war in 1962 remains unresolved, with India saying that thousands of square kilometers of its territory is still under Chinese occupation.

That problem will not be solved overnight, and certainly not during Huang's visit, diplomats here said. Much diplomatic legwork remains to be done before the world's two most populous nations can reach toward each other across the Himalayas with real warmth. (R)

Reconciliation is the name of game in Zimbabwe

By Rodney Pinder

QUE QUE, Zimbabwe — Seven years ago Robert Mugabe, now prime minister of Zimbabwe, was in jail in this midlands industrial town, imprisoned by Rhodesia's ruling white minority for his political beliefs. Today, whites, with Que Que's former police chief to the fore, are lining up to join Mugabe's party and pledge allegiance to his leadership.

In Zimbabwe, little more than a year after a bloody bush war which climaxed a long black struggle to wrest power from the whites, the word of the moment is reconciliation. Ministers, led by Mugabe and his wartime ally Joshua Nkomo, are constantly urging all races to put the past behind them and work together to create a genuine multiracial society. The message appears to have got home to significant numbers of whites, at least those who plan to stay here. (An estimated 12,000 have emigrated to other lands since independence 13 months ago).

The sight of whites swearing loyalty to the former guerrillas is remarkable to observers who were here during seven years of racial war. Many whites say they have been encouraged by the magnanimity of the victorious blacks.

In Que Que, a town of 58,000, with a white community of 3,000, white businessmen also said

they had been agreeably surprised by Mugabe's performance since becoming prime minister. The wartime propaganda machine of rebel Prime Minister Ian Smith had depicted him as a Marxist terrorist butcher. "We all had a bad image of Mugabe," said store-owner Manos Parayianis. "We all thought he would come in here and chop our heads off. Now I think he's brilliant — the best prime minister in Africa."

Mugabe spent almost 10 years in Rhodesia prisons. His last few months in captivity, before being released by Smith in 1974 as part of an ill-fated white-black detente exercise, were spent in Que Que's tiny, square prison. When Mugabe and fellow nationalists were being jailed without trial for their nationalist activities, Henrik Ellert was a detective inspector in Rhodesia's Special Branch, the police arm which specialized in political matters. He spent the last year of the war in charge of police in Que Que before resigning after independence to run a garage and hamburger shop. In his spare time he is also chief fund-raiser for Que Que's Zimbabwe independence day celebrations.

"I think the blacks in this country are naturally very forgiving, very friendly," said Ellert, 35. "I really believe there is a tremendous fund of goodwill on their part and the whites are now reciprocating."

Further down Que Que's wide, sunlit main street, Brian Blundell, who emigrated from England 25 years ago, is starting free training courses in typew-

riter and business machine maintenance for blacks. He said the two-year course, for between 10 and 12 people, will cost his firm \$28,000.

"I think if you want to stay here you have to make up your mind to go along with the system," he said. "I have made friends with Africans and so have my sons."

Blundell, who has three sons aged 22, 20 and 18, added: "We have a hell of a mess to clear up here after the war and we have to get on with the job. If the white man puts his weight behind Bob (Mugabe) then people like Josh (Nkomo) might do more as well. All of us here must line up behind Bob."

No figures are available for how many of Zimbabwe's 120,000 white adults have joined the ruling ZANU-PF political party. But political analysts say they probably number hundreds rather than thousands.

Some analysts think most whites would rather keep politics at arm's length as their days of influence have passed, rather than become card-carrying members of the new order. A clearer indication of their feelings could come in two approaching parliamentary by-elections for vacant white seats. Whites are guaranteed 20 seats in the 100-seat house of assembly for the next six years. All white seats at present are held by Smith's Rhodesian Front Party, which ruled Rhodesia throughout its rebellion against Britain staged to stave off majority rule. The Rhodesian Front will be

opposed by white liberals in the by-elections.

The editor of the Salisbury *Sunday Mail* newspaper, nationalist veteran Willie Masurwa, recently blasted the Rhodesian Front and urged whites to leave and prepare to join black groupings.

Mangula copper mine in northern Zimbabwe is close to the scene of two of the bloodiest incidents of the seven-year guerrilla war.

Less than 100 kms to the west, two air Rhodesia Viscount airliners were shot down by Nkomo guerrillas and 107 people, mainly white, were killed. The white community was outraged and many publicly swore undying revenge against Nkomo, saying he would be killed if he ever set foot in this country. Thirteen months after the end of the war, Nkomo addressed a meeting of 30 white farmers and engineers at Mangula mine. The meeting was quiet and courteous and Nkomo earned several smattering of applause when he urged whites to stay in Zimbabwe, not particularly because their skills were needed but because they were simply Zimbabweans.

Afterward a white engineer, who preferred not to be named, said: "We have to live with these things. We now know there were atrocities on both sides during the war. These things happen. We just have to get on with living." In Que Que, a sticker on the office door of Papayianis, the first white in the town to join ZANU-PF, echoed that sentiment. "Live for today, but remember yesterday — and think of tomorrow," it said. (R)

New purge feared in Malawi

By Patrick Bishop

BLANTYRE — Malawian politicians have taken to including a small but ominous exhortation in their speeches recently. They warn the citizens of Hastings Banda's poverty-stricken state to guard against "subversive elements" and to report strangers to the police. Malawians remember with alarm the last time such warnings were sounded, in 1976. They were followed by a wave of repression in which scores of academics, party officials and people from the north of the country disappeared.

Many have since been rehabilitated, but there is a fear that, as the country's economic health worsens and doubts about President Banda's grasp of events grow, another purge could be on the way. Banda has always had a swift way with his critics and these days there is much to complain about. Earlier this year unknown numbers starved to death in the south in a virtually unreported famine caused by a maize crop failure.

For once the traditional deference of Malawian peasants broke down. In Limbe, near Blantyre, I was told, women had forcibly unloaded a police vehicle that attempted to jump the maize queue. Gasoline is in short supply after the disruption of the supply line through Mozambique. There are long queues for sugar — one of the country's main

tion workers recently struck unsuccessfully for an increase in their 26 cents an hour wage rate.

In the 1970s, President Banda courted South Africa. Pretoria, perceiving an oasis of stability in a troubled region, responded with heavy investment. The relationship brought creeping economic improvement but today much of that has slipped away. The construction of the new capital, Lilongwe, was begun with South African cash as a grandiose monument to the country's bright future. Now it seems more appropriate as a symbol of its difficulties.

As funds have evaporated, work has stopped on many of the ambitious buildings intended as government offices. The new international airport seems destined to be a white elephant. Work continues, however, on a huge new palace for the president which rises imposingly on a hill outside the capital, above a dismal cluster of grass huts.

Press Holdings, the country's largest combine (major shareholder President Banda) is believed by local observers to be up to £45 million in debt. A healthy Zimbabwean economy on the doorstep has brought unwelcome competition. How much of all this is known to the president is open to question. Local sources believe that advisers kept the severity of the maize famine from Banda. Care is taken to make sure there is gasoline available in the areas the president is visiting.

Even Chakuamba's many enemies agree that the charges and hearing were farcical. Chakuamba, manacled and suffering from malaria, had to conduct his own defense. Among his crimes was failure to correct a subordinate who wrongly attributed regional progress to Chakuamba and not the life president. For that he received 10 years. Possession of a fly whisk — symbol of the president's power — earned him a further sentence.

As long as Banda is alive and in control, Malawi's widely envied stability should remain relatively undisturbed. Exile groups like the Socialist League of Malawi and the Malawi Freedom Movement are making little headway and have a negligible following inside the country. A post-Banda power struggle, combined with continuing economic decline, could change that. (ONS)

Muhammad Muzaffar

In Europe

Attacks on alien workers mount

By Murray Seeger

BRUSSELS, Belgium (LAT) — Two young Brussels students walked into a cafe on the north side of this quiet city last winter and provoked a quarrel with three North African workers. With no apparent warning, one of the students pulled out a pistol and opened fire, killing 33-year-old Hamou Baroudi and wounding his two friends.

A few weeks later, in another working class section of Brussels, the walls of a school where half the students are foreigners were daubed with Nazi Swastikas and the Flemish words "Raten Buiten" (rats, get out). Other such incidents, described officially as "fascist violence," have become regular occurrences in both the Flemish and French-speaking areas of Belgium, where foreigners make up 10 percent of the population.

In West Germany, Great Britain and France, there has been a recent increase in attacks and demonstrations against foreig-

ners in what many experts see as a direct reaction to persistent high unemployment and economic stagnation. More and more unemployed nationals seem to vent their frustrations on the foreigners who have come to Western Europe in the last two decades seeking work.

London, long a magnet for Asian and African holders of British passports, was the scene of a riot last month. There had been a similar outbreak a year earlier. In the working-class Paris suburb of Vitry last January, George Marchais, the French Communist leader, led a demonstration against a new influx of migrants, mostly from North and West Africa.

A few days before, French Communists smashed a hostel for foreign workers. West Germany, which has received the largest number of migrants and until recently was accepting thousands who claimed to be "political refugees" from the Middle East, has now strengthened its border controls.

But, in the view of many economists, the West Europeans' anger is misdirected at the migrant workers, who come mostly from Southern Europe, North Africa and Turkey. According to an economist in Paris with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, foreign workers are in many cases doing jobs that local people refuse to do. And manpower experts, looking beyond the present, believe that Western Europe will continue to need foreign workers because population growth is expected to be modest in most industrial countries.

The OECD, which is composed of the world's non-Communist industrial countries, established a continuous reporting system on migration nearly 10 years ago, largely because official government statistics on the subject were limited. In 1979, according to the OECD survey, there were 5.1 million migrant workers living in the major host countries — Austria, Belgium, France, West Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.

Foreign workers started flooding into the richer industrial countries of Western Europe nearly 20 years ago, when the richer countries needed extra hands, especially for unskilled and semi-skilled jobs. The first oil crisis of 1973 and the ensuing recession forced the Europeans to stop accepting migrants. At the peak of employment, about 7.2 million foreigners were working in the receiving countries.

Labor migration within the countries of the European Common Market, however, has been more persistent than the conspicuous movement of North Africans and Southern Europeans to the North. Within the Common Market, free movement of labor is permitted. This allows workers to go wherever they think they can find a job.

The Common Market estimates that about a quarter of its foreign workers have moved from one of the 10 member countries to another. There are about 460,000 Irish working in Great Britain, 317,000 Italians working in Germany and 100,000 Germans working in neighboring Sweden. Austrians work in Germany, Germans work in France and Switzerland, French in Germany and Switzerland.

In cities like Strasbourg in France, Geneva and Basle in Switzerland, Saarbrücken in Germany, cross-border commuting is an old custom. But the major social problems related to migrants involve mostly those from black or Muslim countries.

In Great Britain, the Conservative Government has proposed a new law on immigration that would limit the admission of former colonials.

"We have 2½ million unemployed here and rising," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said recently. "We simply can't go on taking in more people." France has a program for paying migrants, mostly North Africans, to go home.

Japanese presents capsule hotel

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO, (ONS) — Tuck yourself into a capsule, only six feet long and prepare yourself for future shock, Japanese style. "It's the wave of the future," says Takeo Uemura, manager of the Capsule Hotel in a bustling Tokyo suburb 30 minutes from the heart of the capital. "By the year 2000 people will be staying in them all over the world."

Uemura says that almost all the 70 capsules in his brightly lit little hotel, only two minutes' walk from Minaka station, are filled every night with people in need of a bed and unable to afford a normal hotel room. Uemura charges about \$10 for an overnight stay in a capsule equipped with television set, radio, reading lamp, digital alarm clock, safety box for valuables — and even a fold-out writing desk.

He says the Capsule Inn, owned by a tough entrepreneur named Kinyass Ase, is the first of a chain he hopes to open throughout Japan. Ase also dreams of marketing his capsules — approximately three feet high by three feet wide and upward of six feet long — throughout the world. "A regular business hotel needs 50 square meters for a single room," says Uemura, "but we need only 238 square meters for 70 capsules and space for vending machines, toilets and showers."

Upstairs from the Capsule Inn, Ase lives in a large room with two capsules against the wall. "I sleep in them to test them," he says. "They are better than regular beds. They are good for home, office, ski resorts, trains — some day the whole world will live in capsules." He attributes the potential of his capsules — which he is attempting to market under the trade name of JAZ, standing for "Japan from A to Z" — to rising land prices and the population explosion.

"Now land around here costs more than \$1,000 for a single square meter," he notes, gazing out of the window on the bright lights of a typical Japanese station district of coffee shops and hotels. "So then I wondered what would be the most efficient way to take care of them, and I hit upon this idea about six years ago." Ase, a high school dropout and self-professed business failure before he opened his gleaming Capsule Inn, sees the capsule as the precursor to a revolution in lifestyles.

With the population zooming above ten billion by the middle of the 21st century, Ase sees a world piled high with capsules of every shape and form, for every purpose.

The Science Column

American doctor dispels belief about aging brain

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON, — Old age does not necessarily lead to degeneration of the brain, experts are now saying. In fact, they add, the aging brain has vast capabilities.

One researcher at the University of California in Berkeley has found no significant loss of brain neurons in rats between 100 days (equivalent to young adulthood) and 650 days (considered very old). In fact, many in this strain of rats die at 600 days of age.

The University's Physiology and Anatomy Professor, Marion Diamond, believes environmental factors such as social and cultural conditions, exercise and nutrition, have important effect on brain development.

In experiments, she found that the thickness of a rat's cortex (indicating the richness of

cortical connections) could be increased at any age by putting the animal into enriched environments with larger cages, other rats and many objects to manipulate, climb or slide on. Even the brain of a very old rat showed an increase in cortical thickness under these conditions.

Taking measurements on 630-day-old rats, the professor found that the brain cells which receive impulses from other nerve cells actually grew, providing more surface area for receiving these impulses.

While younger brains may be more responsive to environmental influences than older brains — the cortical increase in old rats was smaller than the increase observed for infant rats placed in enriched environments — Diamond believes her research goes a long way toward dispelling negative myths about old age.

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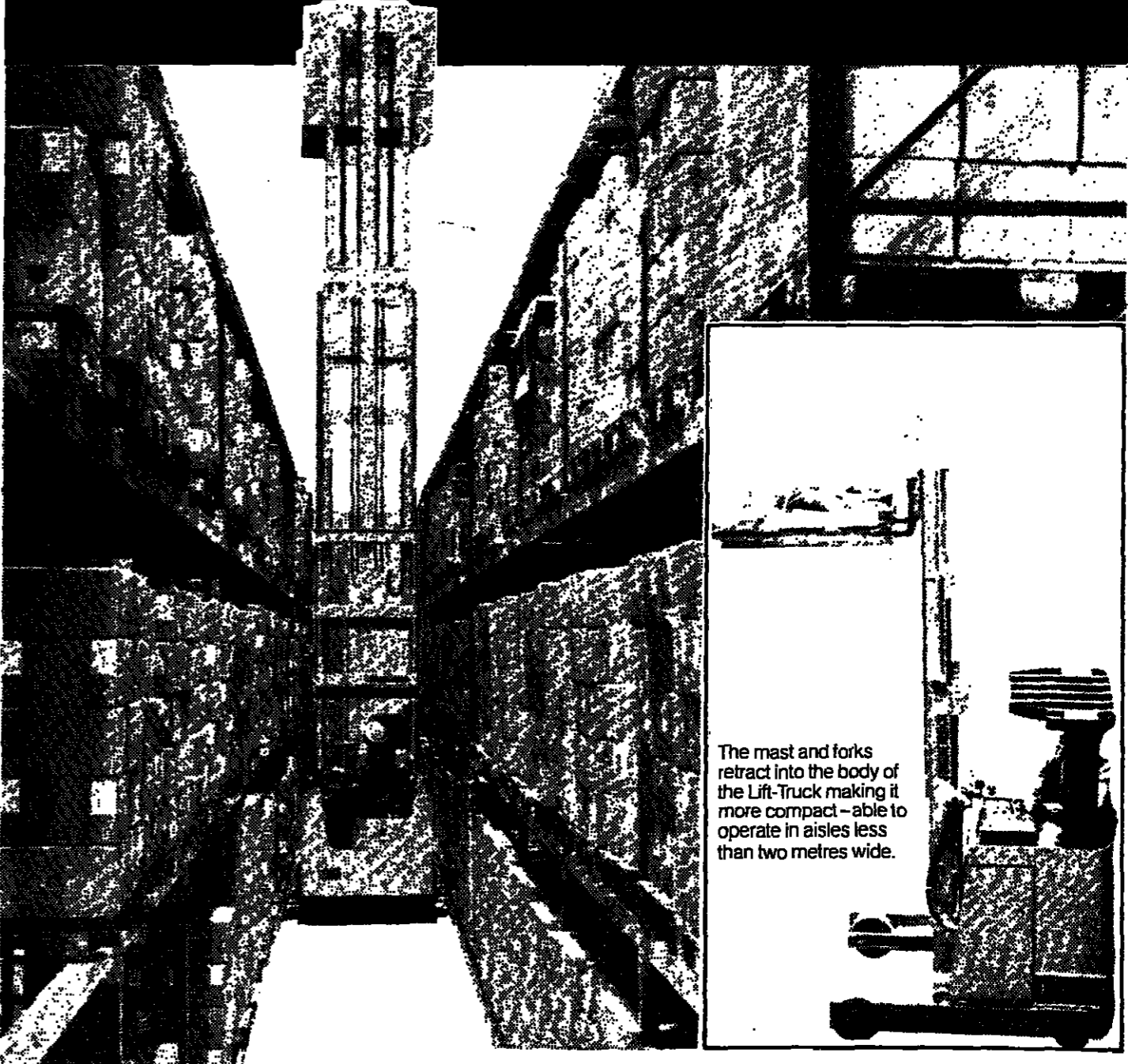
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Relations with U.K. deep, France says

PARIS, May 29 (Agencies) — France's new external relations minister, Claude Cheysson, has said Anglo-French relations over such issues as sheep or fish.

He told reporters Thursday after meeting British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington: "I think there is far too much oversimplification on the part of those who think talks between Britain and France can only cover sheep, fish and accountants."

Soviet envoy's quip causes slanging match

TOKYO, May 29 (AFP) — Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Polyanski has added fuel to a Japanese-Soviet territorial dispute when he reportedly made an unfortunate quip with expansionist overtones in an argument with Japanese parliamentarians.

Masakuni Murakami, a conservative member of parliament, told newsmen that the Soviet envoy quipped he would win a great many votes in a Soviet election if he campaigned for annexation of the southern Japanese main island of Kyushu.

The remark was made when Murakami told Polyanski that he polled about one million votes in Japan's last upper house elections by calling for the return of the four southern Kuril Islands, annexed by the Soviet Union at the end of World War II.

The islands are still claimed by Japan and are a source of strained relations between the two countries. The meeting between the Soviet ambassador and members of Japan's ruling Liberal-Democratic Party turned into a slanging match lasting about two hours, according to Murakami.

"There are many areas where diplomatic positions are the same. We are both loyal and dependable allies of the United States even though we may differ from the United States on certain Third World issues," he added.

Carrington's visit followed that of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt five days ago on his way back from Washington to see French president Francois Mitterrand.

Britain evidently is interested in finding out how far the new Socialist government here intends modifying the balance within the European community that in recent years had been dominated by a Paris-Bonn axis.

It seems clear already that the Mitterrand regime will move away from that axis concept, even if relations with Bonn will remain of a somewhat privileged nature. It is thought probable, on the other hand, that Britain will continue to find France a difficult partner in such fields as fishing, as an example, with regard to which Mitterrand in his election campaign charged that his predecessor, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, had been unduly pliable.

More important than such individual issues however are new French projects for a reinforcement of European Economic Community institutions that might worry Britain.

Rotarians to gather in Brazil tomorrow

SAO PAULO, Brazil, May 29 (AP) — Rotary International is to open its 72nd annual convention here Sunday with Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa of Calcutta scheduled as the main speaker and 12,000 people expected to attend.

Brazilian President Joao Figueredo is to address the Rotarians Sunday, and organizers said this is the first time the international convention is to be held in Brazil. They estimated 45 percent of the participants in the four-day meeting would come from the 150 other countries where Rotary is active. The remaining 55 percent of the delegates were to come from Brazil where Rotary has 1,200 clubs with a total of 36,000 members.



BEST ACTOR: Italian actor Ugo Tognazzi, who won the best male actor award at the 34th Cannes film festival on the French Riviera for his performance in *The Tragedy of a Ridiculous Man*.

Water blockage halts reactors

STRASBOURG, May 29 (AFP) — Both reactors at the Fessenheim nuclear power station near here were taken out of service during Thursday night when the plant's water intake became clogged with three branches and other matter.

One reactor was switched to "idling" while frogmen investigated. They found there was no immediate chance of clearing the blockage and the second unit was taken out of service, an engineer said. A jumble of branches, mud and sundry objects was now being cleared and the plant would probably be in service again Sunday, he said.

U.S. accused of provoking Soviet envoys

MOSCOW, May 29 (R) — The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* has accused the Reagan administration of flouting international diplomatic protocol and deliberately provoking acts of violence against Moscow's personnel in the United States.

Izvestia said Thursday the U.S. government had told the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to do everything they could to impede the work of Soviet diplomats and businessmen.

The commentary said intimidation of Soviet citizens, especially by "fascist and Zionist elements," had increased rapidly since the Reagan administration took office. It said that on May 3 a group of 150 "bandits" belonging to a fascist group gathered outside the Soviet Union's U.N. representation in New York shouting Zionist slogans and threatening violence.

The following day, members of the same "league" surrounded a Soviet diplomat, threw dirt in his face and covered his car with threatening Zionist leaflets, *Izvestia* added.

Izvestia said that during this and other incidents involving threats against Soviet persons the police took no action or even looked on smiling. "The escalation of extremism with the connivance and, in some cases, the direct participation of the authorities is seriously worrying not only Soviet but also other foreign representatives who are having to work in an atmosphere of undeclared war," the newspaper added.

WASHINGTON (R) — White House press secretary James Brady, shot in the head during an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan two months ago, has developed pneumonia, a hospital spokesman said Thursday. He said Brady, 40, was nevertheless in good condition.

HANOI (AFP) — The remains of three American soldiers who disappeared during the Vietnam war are to be returned to the United States, it was announced here Friday.

LONDON (R) — Yellow fever, a deadly disease kept in check for most of this century, is once again becoming a major threat, the *British Medical Journal* said Friday. Outbreaks of the disease had occurred in the last three years in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, the *Journal* said.

VIENNA (R) — Albania has rejected Belgrade's claim that it was involved in the bombing of the Yugoslav Embassy in Tirana last week, Albanian newspapers said Friday.

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Pen Sovann emerges strong

BANGKOK, Thailand, May 29 (AP) — Veteran, pro-Vietnamese revolutionary Pen Sovann emerged as the most powerful figure of the Phnom Penh regime as the country's Communist Party line-up was unveiled Friday.

The Voice of Vietnam, monitored in Bangkok, said a congress of the Cambodian People's Revolutionary Party announced an eight-man political bureau, a seven-member secretariat and a central committee of 19 full

members and two alternatives. As in other Communist countries, the party leadership will direct the course of the country and make major political decisions. The broadcast said the four-day congress which took place in Phnom Penh concluded Friday with a general resolution and a speech by Pen Sovann.

Pen Sovann, 45, currently holds the No. 2 position in the government apparatus and also heads the armed forces.

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Tanzania to pull out troops

All-out war on Obote planned

NAIROBI, April 29 (AP) — Fighters opposed to President Milton Obote have said they were planning an all-out war against the Ugandan government, and Tanzania said it will remove within two months the soldiers who have formed Obote's main military prop.

"We are soon going to launch full-scale war" unless Obote holds new elections, the fighters said Tuesday in a tape recording smuggled out of Uganda. Longtime Ugandan residents said they recognized the taped voice of former Defense Minister Torwen Museveni, one of Obote's most bitter opponents.

Diplomats said the two announcements appeared to heighten prospects of widespread insecurity and violence in Uganda. Anti-government forces have been conducting a campaign of attacks on police and military installations for nearly three of the four months Obote has been in office.

In Nairobi, a spokesman for the Uganda Freedom Movement, a resistance group, claimed that dozens of Ugandan soldiers were killed Monday night when 10 UFM members using automatic weapons ambushed three military trucks at Kawanda, near Kampala. A large number of soldiers were wounded, the spokesman said. He said there were no UFM casualties. The official Uganda Radio, monitored in Nairobi, acknowledged the attack and said four soldiers were killed.

At the same time, a statement issued by Ugandan exiles in Nairobi called on Obote to resign. The statement said his government has failed to protect the lives and property of Ugandans, and to make economic progress. The exiles declined to identify themselves publicly.

Ugandan Vice President Paulo Muwanga flew to Tanzania Friday to plead to President Julius Nyerere to expand the stay of some of the 10,000 Tanzanian soldiers in Uganda, particularly those around Kampala, the Ugandan capital. The soldiers, remnants of a force that ousted Ugandan President Idi Amin in 1979, have remained as Uganda's principal peacekeeping force.

Many observers believe that only the Tanzanians stand between Uganda and a countrywide breakdown of law and order. Diplomatic sources in Dar Es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, said Nyerere turned a deaf ear to Muwanga. On Tuesday, Lt. Gen. Abdullah Twaipo, the Tanzanian defense minister, said in a radio broadcast that all 10,000 soldiers will be returned home by late June.

Reliable sources said the first 1,000 will cross Lake Victoria on ferries and reach Mwanza, the Tanzanian port, by Friday. The sources quoted a Tanzanian cabinet minister as saying, "we must get completely out of there. It's hurting us diplomatically and financially."

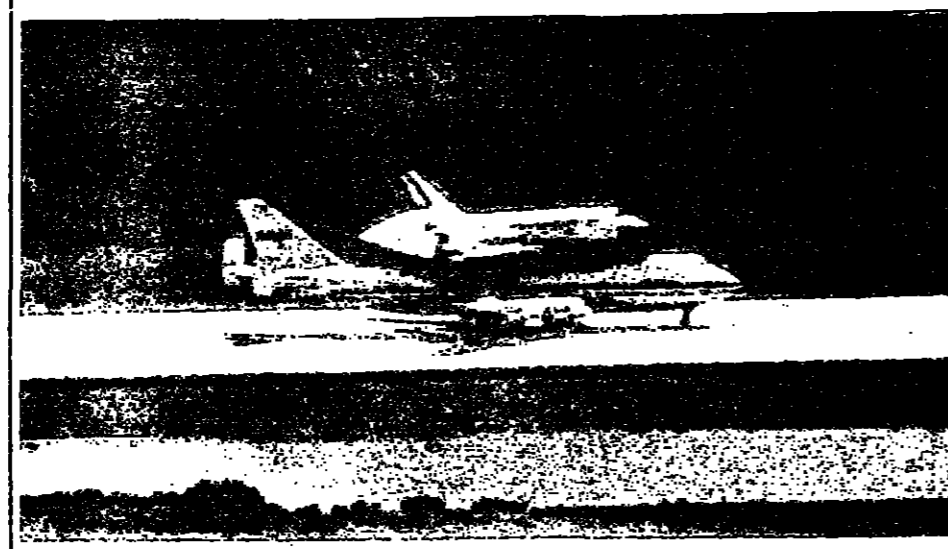
Diplomats estimate Tanzania pays more than \$4 million a month to keep its soldiers in

Uganda. They say Uganda has failed to honor a two-year agreement to compensate Tanzania, which is sending food and other commodities to Uganda for its soldiers at a time of nationwide food shortages caused partly by a lack of funds in the treasury.

The Tanzanian pullout will leave Obote with 8,000 poorly trained and undisciplined soldiers, and a militia of nearly 10,000. Government forces face a reported several thousand fighters from the popular Resis-

tance Army commanded by Museveni in western Uganda, about 2,000 former Amin soldiers who have taken effective control of northwestern Uganda, and a small number of men in the Uganda Freedom Movement.

Obote, deposed by Amin in 1971, made a comeback rare in Africa when he was elected president in December. But he has failed to achieve his stated goal of national reconciliation.



PIGGYBACK VOYAGE: Perched atop a Boeing 747, the space shuttle Columbia takes off from Oklahoma Monday on its journey back to Kennedy Space Center from where it left on its maiden flight on April 12 in a thunderous roar of flame and smoke. The shuttle had been lowered to its landing gear in an overnight operation. It reached Florida shortly before noon Tuesday.

Brigades to try kidnapped Cirillo

NAPLES, April 29 (R) — The Red Brigades were holding their latest kidnap victim Wednesday pending "trial" after a bloody commando operation in Naples aimed at exploiting the widespread bitterness in the earthquake-damaged city. A major police hunt was under way to find the "people's prison" where the Brigades are holding Ciro Cirillo, the prominent Neapolitan politician they snatched on Monday night.

In a 130-page tract issued Monday night, the Brigades accused Cirillo of being a savage property speculator and said he would answer the charges in a "trial." Up to 70 guerrillas kidnapped the 60-year-old Christian Democrat leader after clubbing him on the head and killing his two escorts.

The attack proved that the Brigades were not wiped out by recent arrests and that their attention has shifted to the poor south, where over 200,000 persons are still homeless after last November's earthquake.

The old, working-class center of Naples was rendered almost uninhabitable by the quake and the Brigades said city authorities were "deporting" families to industrial suburbs. Although Naples is now run by its first Communist administration, the Brigades said the Christian Democrats were responsible for bringing "the slavery of salaried labor to the city and destroying its traditional artisan lifestyle."

The documents found Monday night, with a photograph of the balding Cirillo in front of a Brigades flag, listed the major firms seeking contracts to rebuild areas wrecked by the earthquake. Cirillo is chairman of the commission in charge of reconstruction. No demands were made in the Brigades text, but if they stick to their own precedent other communiques will follow soon.

They said they were keeping to the "strategic line" adopted last December when they kidnapped senior Roman judge Giovanni D'Urso to gain concessions for their jailed comrades.

Against Salvador policy

Anti-war men to march on Pentagon

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP) — In an echo of the Vietnam era a decade ago, anti-war activists are gearing up for their first major national protest against U.S. military involvement in El Salvador — a march Sunday on the Pentagon.

While hesitant to give a firm prediction on how many people will take part at the headquarters of the U.S. Defense Department, organizers for the people's anti-war mobilization said they expect "tens of thousands" to participate from as far west as Texas and as far north as Minnesota.

"This will be the largest manifestation of resistance to (President Ronald) Reagan's war policies and insane domestic policies," said Brian Becker, a national organizer for the march. "We expect this to be a kickoff to a new movement." Smaller marches are planned Sunday in San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Kansas City and Tucson.

The focus of the protests will be Reagan's decision to increase the number of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador from 34 to 54 and to send \$25 million in weapons to bolster the ruling junta. But organizers also are trying to link that action to the president's proposed cuts in domestic spending.

"Given the cutback in social services, many black and minority groups see ... a connection between another war drive and the money going into an already bloated Pentagon budget," said Bill Roundtree, another march organizer.

One of the march's slogans, a reference to the unsolved murders of black children in Atlanta, says: "Defend Atlanta's children, not El Salvador's junta." Although many of the organizers are veterans of Vietnam protests in the late 1960s and early 1970s, march organizers say a new generation of college students has become active in the anti-El Salvador demonstrations.

"People who were too young to be involved

10 planes to race across Atlantic

PARIS, April 29 (AP) — A total of 110 aircraft ranging from World War II warplanes through tiny single-engine sportsters to an executive jet have been entered to race twice across the Atlantic, Paris — New York — Paris, next June, the organizer has announced.

Competitors include Grand Prix racing drivers, airline pilots, flying and ski instructors, journalists, doctors, computer analysts and a 64-year-old American woman. The largest entry is of 62 single-engine light planes, braving the north Atlantic and flying via Scotland, Iceland, Greenland and Canada.

There are 42 twin-engine light planes, five larger propeller-engine aircraft, including a Douglas B26 Marauder from World War II, to be flown by French racing drivers Didier Pironi and Jose Dolhem, and a restored 1937 De Havilland Dragon Rapide Passenger plane.

It is believed no Rapide has ever flown the Atlantic. The planes will race in four categories and compete both on straight time and on handicap, based on how the plane's time compares with a theoretical best.

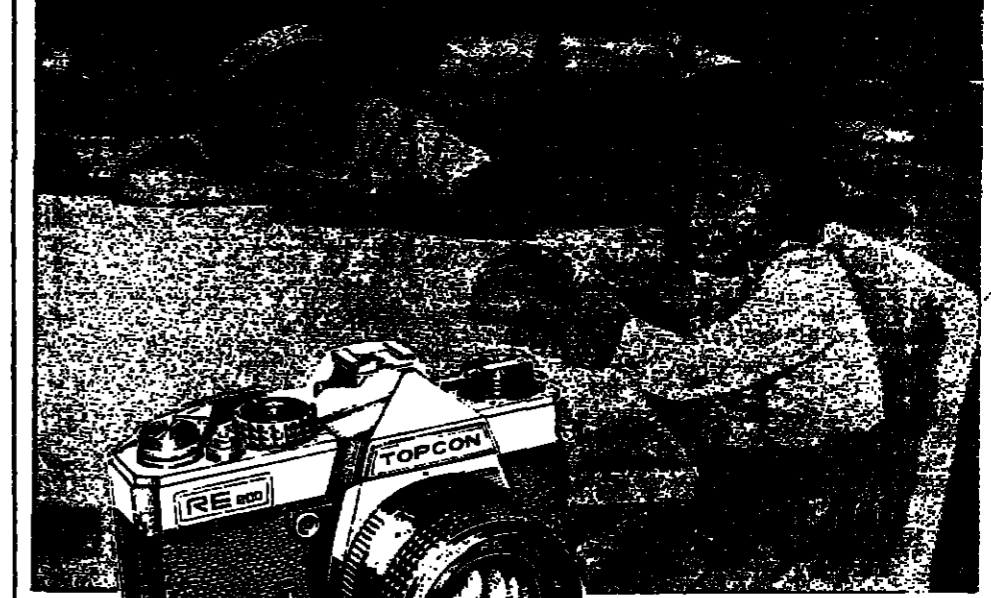
The single executive jet, a French Dassault Falcon 50, will attempt to set trans-Atlantic records during the race. Officials expressed disappointment that no American executive jets had entered to "race the French."

There are four all-women crew and seven other women flying with men. In many cases, amateurs have highly experienced airline pilots as their co-pilots.

in the anti-war movement (a decade ago) are responding to the call," Becker said. Much of the opposition has come on college campuses, largely with teach-ins and picketing, tactics reminiscent of the Vietnam era. The Pentagon protest is supported by about 20 civil rights, labor, student, religious and community organizations around the country, march organizers said.

Opponents of Reagan's Salvadoran policies contend that the United States is supporting a brutal, unpopular dictatorship that is responsible for the vast majority of the estimated 15,000 political murders in the tiny central American nation over the past year.

The administration argues that those fighting for control of the country are armed and directed by Cuba and other Soviet-bloc countries. The communist governments in those countries have denied the charges.



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Oil imports soar

7-fold rise in U.S. trade deficit

WASHINGTON, May 29 (R) — A surge in petroleum imports coupled with waning demand abroad for American goods increased the U.S. trade deficit in April by more than seven times that of the previous month, the government has said.

statistical quirks which made petroleum imports look unusually large. The Commerce Department said petroleum imports jumped by more than 7 percent in April, while the average price of crude oil soared by 55 cents to \$37.83 a barrel.

were probably somewhere between the two extremes. A large number of tankers unloaded oil during the last days of March, too late for the government's merchandise trade count, he said.

However, the average for the two months was still only 6.1 million barrels per day, well below February's 7.5 million and last year's average of just 7 million per day.

Much of the increase in April's deficit occurred because demand for American agricultural commodities, especially corn and Soyabbeans, fell considerably.

Unemployment rises

Japan's consumer prices up

TOKYO, May 29 (AP) — Consumer prices in the Tokyo area in May recorded a 0.6 percent increase over April — up 4.8 percent from a year ago, the prime minister's office announced Friday.

It was the first time since October 1979 that Tokyo's year-to-year increase rate was held down to below 5 percent. The price index for May registered 144.6, compared with 100 for the base year of 1975.

Nationwide in April, consumer prices rose 0.8 percent from March and 5.2 percent from a year earlier to bring the national consumer price index to 143.3, the statistics bureau of the prime minister's office said.

The relatively low increase was contributed to an average 19.7 percent decline in vegetable prices. The economic planning agency said the freeze on crude oil prices agreed on by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would stabilize consumer prices, although price increases are foreseen for some imported goods because of the yen's recent decline.

In May, the statistics bureau said, the prices of milk, other dairy products and eggs dropped 3.7 percent. Foodstuffs, as a whole, declined 0.9 percent. Public utility rates such as railway fares climbed 1.6 percent. Clothing rose 6.3 percent.

Meanwhile, Japan's unemployment rate in

Syria, Russia sign 5-year trade pact

MOSCOW, May 29 (AP) — The Soviet Union and Syria have signed a new, long-term trade agreement that will result in a 150 percent increase in trade between the two countries during the five-year period ending 1985, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Tass said Thursday Moscow will supply Damascus with machinery and equipment, chemicals, timber and other products, which the news agency said were needed by Syria for creation of a developed national industry.

In turn, according to the report, Syria will supply the Soviet Union with consumer goods, including knitwear, perfumes and cosmetics, cotton, hides, oil and oil products.

During the period 1976-80, the two countries did 850 million rubles worth of trade, Tass said. During the period 1981-85, trade is expected to soar to two billion rubles.

The trade agreement, the third between the two countries, was signed at the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry in Moscow by Nikolai Komarov, first deputy minister of foreign trade for the Soviet Union and Muhammad Al-Atrash, Syrian economic and trade minister, Tass reported.

WFC feels Wheat accord hopes dim

NOVISAD, May 29 (AP) — Three days of general debate by the World Food Council on how to battle hunger problems ended in skepticism and concern over how soon a new international wheat agreement could be reached.

The world wheat trade, apart from bilateral commerce, is still carried out on the basis of a 1971 convention which involves little obligation on the part of wheat trading countries. Concern among developing countries resulted in a wheat conference being held at the end of 1978, but no accord was reached between the developing countries and the rich wheat producers.

Representatives of the developing countries have stated here they believe that annual

growth of agricultural production of at least 4 percent, industrial production of 7 percent, and overall economic growth of 6 percent, is the minimum needed to wipe out the hunger problem in the world in this decade.

Experts say that famine or threat of famine affects half a billion people in the world at present — a figure that can more than double by the end of the century unless some radical measures are taken to reverse the deteriorating trends of the situation.

Following the end of the council debate a working group met behind closed doors to hammer out a final communique. Referring to the group's chances of success, an observer said, "It looks pretty grim."

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Japan spurns EEC on limiting car sales

BRUSSELS, May 29 (R) — Japan has rejected renewed EEC calls to curb its soaring car exports to the Common Market during two days of talks here, EEC Commission sources have said.

They said Thursday Naohiro Amaya, Japan's vice-minister for international trade, insisted that Japan could offer no guarantee to curtail its 1981 EEC car sales, which increased by 41 percent in the first four months of this year to 310,000 compared to the same period last year.

The community's trade deficit with Japan also rose to \$3.6 billion in the same period a 46 percent increase, the commission said.

Earlier this month, Tokyo agreed to curb its car sales to the United States and the EEC with a similar treatment.

Amaya held talks Thursday with Sir Roy Denman, the commission's chief trade negotiator, who urged Japan to hold its car exports at 1980 levels, the sources said.

He also asked Japan not to divert cars originally intended for the United States but both requests were rejected, they said.

The Japanese delegation holds that the Common Market "represented by the EEC has little common character, at least in the automotive domain, sources said. But during separate talks with Belgian Economy Minister Willy Claes, the delegation indicated a willingness to moderate imports to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and West Germany in key sectors: televisions, machine tools and cars.

The EEC responded to the talks with newly published figures showing that the trade deficit with Japan worsened drastically this year, increasing by 46 percent during the first four months of 1981.

Britain imposes an informal 11 percent market share on Japanese imports, while France keeps imports at no more than three percent, and Italy lets a few thousand new Japanese cars in each year. The other seven nations have no quotas.

The EEC figures showed that the number of Japanese passenger cars imported into the Common Market last year increased by 20 percent during the first four months of 1981.

U.S. miners, employers reach accord

WASHINGTON, May 29 (R) — U.S. coalminers' leaders reached agreement with employers Friday on a new contract aimed at ending a 60-day-old strike.

The president of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), Samuel Church, told reporters: "We have reached agreement." The agreement on a three-year pact package must be approved by the union's bargaining council and ratified by the 160,000 miners before the strike is called off.

A previous agreement reached in March was rejected by the council by a 2-1 margin. While, no details of the revised accord were not released, a union spokesman said the negotiations had centered on a clause which would require coal companies to pay union wages when they hired non-union workers for work on the mines.

The last labor agreement ran out March 27, on which date the union's 160,000 members in the Appalachians and Middle West ceased work and numerous violent incidents took place. The strike has led to lay-offs in coal-using industries, reduced stocks, and has caused a rise in the spot rates for coal.

Genscher seeks welfare cuts

COLOGNE, West Germany May 29 (R) — Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher called Friday for cuts in West Germany's welfare benefits, among the most generous in Europe, to help overcome a growing federal budget deficit.

He told a national Congress in Cologne of his liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP), junior partners in Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition government, that decisive reductions would have to be made in public spending.

"Cosmetic operations are not enough...cuts in legally guaranteed benefits are just as inevitable as a broader reduction in state subsidies," he said.

West Germany is certain to take up a record 34 billion mark (\$25 billion) in new credits this year at least to finance a budget deficit which has swollen as a result of economic recession.

Rising costs for unemployment, defense and other major budget items threaten to make the problem worse. Some political

commentators have said it could bring down the coalition.

Genscher's warning on public spending came as the Bonn government prepared for potentially divisive discussions on what cuts to make in the 1982 federal budget, which is due to be announced in early September.

The issue is seen by West German commentators as an explosive one for the coalition in view of likely opposition from Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD).

But Genscher said the liberals were determined to achieve budgetary reform within the present coalition, and warned the SPD against a trend toward increasing social spending on credit.

"Budgetary policies, which see salvation in a higher public debt, can only win us a temporary breathing space today at the price of strangling our economy tomorrow," he said.

Though he cited no specific areas for spending cuts, FDP sources said proposals under consideration within the party included reduced unemployment and child benefits.

U.S. bank cuts prime rate to 20%

NEW YORK, May 29 (R) — Chase Manhattan Bank has reduced its prime lending rate to 20 percent from 20.5 percent, reversing the upward trend which lifted the rate by 3.5 percentage points in the past month.

One Los Angeles bank matched the move, but none of the other major banks joined the reduction immediately and dealers said there might be a split rate between the banks for a while.

One New York investment house economist said Chase's action indicated U.S. interest rates had reached a plateau, but it was not certain that they were yet on a downward path. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said in a Washington speech that interest rates were probably near their peak and should start coming down soon.

The recent climb in U.S. rates has worried other nations because it has attracted a flood of money into the dollar, weakening other currencies.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	7.97	7.98
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.82	—	2.84
Denmark Mark (100)	145.50	146.50	144.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	135.00	130.80
Egyptian Pound	—	4.03	4.27
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.50	92.40
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.50	61.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	64.50	59.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	12.16
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	39.95
Israeli Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	30.10	29.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.10	—	15.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.22	10.12
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.16
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	80.60	80.20
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.50	68.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.45
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.10
Pound Sterling	7.01	7.07	7.01
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	93.25
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	157.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	38.00	36.75
Swiss Franc (100)	163.00	164.50	163.00
Syrian Lira (1,000)	—	50.60	53.60
Turkish Lira (100)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.39	3.3900	3.3920
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.50	74.20

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Tokyo's first gold mart opens

TOKYO, May 29 (R) — Japan's first formal gold market opened here today for private members only. Formal opening ceremonies and initial nervousness among the dealers meant that trading on the first day lasted only a few minutes and only 450 ounces of gold changed hands.

However, the price was set at 3,497 yen per gram, equivalent to \$485 an ounce, which officials said was roughly in line with trends in New York.

The president of the market, Mr. Kikuchi, said he hoped the market would steadily

develop to give an indication of fair gold prices to the public in Japan and train gold traders and floor operators in advance of the opening of the public gold market. He said Tokyo is expected to become one of the major world gold markets, filling a time gap between the United States, Hong Kong, and Europe.

Japanese interest in gold has been increasing tremendously since late last year when gold imports jumped sharply, mainly because the Japanese government plans to introduce a new system to identify all savings depositors, gold traders said.

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Chris strides ahead

Vilas whips Pascal Portes

PARIS, May 29 (AFP) — Defending champion Chris Evert-Lloyd of the United States swept majestically into the third-round of the women's singles at the French Open tennis championships here Friday and then announced she was going off to practice.

schoolgirl from Florida. Wielding a racket which looked far too big for her around the court, Rinaldi showed remarkable maturity, reaching the third-round of the tournament by recovering from a first set loss to beat compatriot Jeanne Duval 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

man Pascal Portes to settle and raced to a 6-2, 6-3, 6-0 win. His 21-year-old opponent lost concentration in the fourth game of the opening set when he walked off court to argue a line-call.

Results

MEN'S SINGLES: (FIRST ROUND): Jaime Fillol (Chile) def. Corrado Barazzutti, (Italy) 3-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; Eric Fromm (U.S.) def. Peter Feigl (Austria) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3;

(Uruguay) 6-3, 7-6, 6-1. Guillermo Vilas (Argentina) def. Pascal Portes (France) 6-2, 6-3, 6-0. WOMEN'S SINGLES (SECOND ROUND): Martina Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) def. Iris Riedel-Kuhn (West Germany) 6-4, 6-0; Dianne Fromholtz (Australia) def. Lena Sandin (Sweden) 6-2, 7-5; Kathy Rinaldi (U.S.) def. Jeanne Duval (U.S.) 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; Iwona Kuczyn (Poland) def. Barbara Jordan (U.S.) 6-3, 6-3; Eva Pfaff (West Germany) def. Stacy Margolin (U.S.) 6-4, 6-0; Jeanne Desfor (U.S.) def. Bettina Bunge (U.S.) 6-1, 6-2; Kathleen Norvath (U.S.) def. Christine O'Neil (Australia) 5-7, 6-4, 6-0; Virginia Wade (Britain) def. Rosalyn Fairbank (South Africa) 7-5, 6-2; Sandy Collins (U.S.) def. Joyce Portman (U.S.) 7-6, 6-2.

British hopes were boosted on an outside court when former Wimbledon champion Virginia Wade completed a 7-5, 6-2 second-round victory over powerfully-built Rosalyn Fairbank. Wade resumed Friday, having already safely pocketed the first set. Although Fairbank took a 2-1 lead in the second, the 20-year-old South African looked demoralized throughout.

Austrians strengthen chances

VIENNA, May 29 (R) — Austria moved a step nearer a place in the World Soccer Cup finals next year with a 2-0 win over Bulgaria, their main group rivals for the second qualifying spot behind West Germany, Thursday.

The victory lifted the Austrians to second place in Group one of the European section. They have eight points from five matches, the West Germans maximum points from four outings and Bulgaria six points from five games. The Austrians' defenders were nervous in defence early on, but they soon found their rhythm and the Bulgarians produced only two shots to stretch goalkeeper Herbert Feurer.

England makes six changes Keegan back as skipper

BASLE, Switzerland, May 29 (R) — Goal-shy England must beat in-form Switzerland in the European Group Four qualifying game here Saturday to retain a realistic chance of reaching the World Cup Soccer finals in Spain next year.

The England side announced this morning shows six changes to the team beaten 1-0 by Scotland in the British Championship on Saturday. Former European footballer of the year Kevin Keegan returns to skipper the side after a season plagued by injury as manager Ron Greenwood goes for experience rather than flair.

Manager Ron Greenwood is under strong pressure to end a dismal run of five matches without a win — the last four which have failed to produce a goal. Switzerland, bottom of the Group table, are unlikely to give the English a gift-wrapped chance to end the lean spell. Their confidence has been boosted by a 1-0 away win over Czechoslovakia in March and a 2-2 draw with Hungary in a World Cup qualifier in Lucerne last month.

Seasoned campaigners Ray Clemence, Mick Mills and Paul Mariner are preferred to Joe Corrigan, Viv Anderson and Peter Whitte. Glenn Hodde is the unlucky player to lose his place to Keegan. Tony Woodcock, offered orange juice by his Swiss hosts at Zurich Airport, said "if we lose again the atmosphere next week will be like a funeral." The England party will stay in Zurich until next Wednesday before travelling on to Hungary for another World Cup tie on June 6.

BRIEFS

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — AZ'67 Alkmaar completed the elusive double here Thursday when they won the Dutch Football Cup by beating Ajax Amsterdam in the final. They clinched their first-ever championship title earlier this month and were runners-up to English side Ipswich Town in the UEFA Cup.

season, at an International Track and Field meet here on Thursday. The 10,000 meters was won by Steve Jones of Britain with a 28 min 2.49 sec. time. HELSINKI, (AFP) — Finland has proposed that a woman, 29-year old Pirjo Haeggman, be elected as one of the two Finnish members of the international Olympic Committee (I.O.C.).

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Cincinnati puts it across Giants

NEW YORK, May 29 (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds won their baseball game Thursday but lost their first baseman-catcher when Johnny Bench fractured his ankle while sliding into second base in the seventh inning, unsuccessfully trying to break up a double play in the Reds' 7-4 victory over San Francisco. A team spokesman said that Bench would be out of action for about eight weeks.

Bench, who insisted he catch only twice a week this season, has been playing first base in place of injured Dan Driesson. Driesson now is healthy but hasn't been able to get back in the lineup, mainly because Bench was

batting .344, fourth in the National League.

Giants reliever Gary Lavelle's wild pickoff throw let in the tying run and ignited a five-run eighth inning for Cincinnati. Lavelle, 0-3, replaced Fred Breining with one out in the eighth and Ron Oester on second after a single and a sacrifice.

Pinch-hitter Larry Bittner walked and Dave Collins forced Bittner at second. When Lavelle threw past first trying to pick off Collins, Oester raced home, tying the score 3-3.

Sam Mejias then grounded a single to center, driving in the tie-breaking run. After Dave Concepcion walked, George Foster

greeted reliever Greg Minton with a two-run double, making it 6-3. Dan Driesson added an RBI single to close the outburst.

In another N.L. afternoon game, Pittsburgh topped the Chicago Cubs 9-4 as Dale Berra's base-clearing double capped a five-run fifth inning.

The only American League afternoon game saw Milwaukee bomb Detroit 7-1 as Roy Howell slugged a grand slam homer and Ted Simmons added a two-run shot.

In an N.L. twilight game, veteran right-hander Gaylord Perry gained his 293rd career victory and hit a two-run single in a seven-run uprising that chased rookie sensation Fernando Valenzuela as the Atlanta Braves belted the Los Angeles Dodgers 9-4.

BTC retains lead in Jeddah squash

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, May 29 — BTC retained the lead in the Jeddah Squash League, Sunday, taking maximum points from Bedouins in a match where the score was perhaps a little flattering to the winners. Although BTC won 5-0, three of the matches went to five games and Bedouins may feel unlucky that BTC "imported" Hussein Dajani, the Dunes No. 1 to fill the gap caused by the withdrawal of Peter Cooney.

Nevertheless, the nine-point gain puts BTC on 71 points, four ahead of Hochtief, who had a bye. Both teams now have only three matches left and the stage looks set for exciting climax. Hochtief could reduce the deficit to two points by the final round and all will be decided when the two teams meet

on June 14.

In other Division "A" matches, Andalus Village relieved their relegation worries with a good 4-1 win over Grey Mackenzie, while J. Smith salvaged a point for Riofinex as they crashed 4-1 to Streeters. Unfortunately, the single point will not help Riofinex, who, with only 23 points, must surely go down. Next Sunday, BTC could drop a point against Grey Mackenzie, but Hochtief will be hoping for full points against Riofinex to narrow the gap at the top of the table.

In Division "B", leaders Armaska had no problems against bottom-placed Sogex, and the 5-0 win gives them 89 points and an even greater lead over the following clubs. Second-placed Samba crashed to the much

improved Halcrow side, who have pulled themselves out of the relegation area over the last three weeks. Wins from D. Smith and H. Wilcox was enough to keep Samba in second place with 69 points.

Springbok recovered from last week's disaster to crush Arabian Homes 5-0 while Saudia lost only one match; Hochtief in a 4-1 win. Apart from Sogex, on 25 points, the situation at the bottom of the table now sees Arabian Homes (44) and Hochtief (46) trailing Saudia and Halcrow both on 30.

Next week, Arabian Homes meet Halcrow, Hochtief plays Samba, and Saudia takes on Armaska. The results should see Halcrow move ahead of the trailing group, but leave the other three teams still unsure of who will drop down next season.

Wicks moves to Palace

LONDON, May 29 (AFP) — English First Division side Crystal Palace and Scottish Second Division Queen's Park Rangers completed the double transfer which took defender Steve Wicks to Palace and striker Clive Allen back to Rangers.

Palace will also pay 275,000 pounds sterling in the deal which values England under-21 player Allen at 475,000 pounds sterling — less than half what they paid Arsenal for him last summer.

The move is Allen's third in a year, Rangers having originally sold him to Arsenal for 1.2 million pounds sterling.

Dutch football international Johan Cruyff will be in a hospital here until Friday, recuperating from an operation on Tuesday to fix a torn muscle in his thigh. Cruyff will be able to play for the Netherlands as of June 15, doctors here said.

Cruyff signed recently to play for Second-Division Spanish side Levant and was hurt during a friendly match last Sunday at Barcelona.

Australians skittled

SWANSEA, Wales May 29 (AP) — West Indian fast bowler Ezra Moseley claimed six wickets for 23 runs Thursday as Glamorgan skinted out the Australian cricket tourists for 147 at Cardiff.

Barbados-born Moseley shattered the out-of-practice Australians with a burst of four wickets for two in 19 deliveries in the morning. The tourists struggled to 47 for six at lunch before John Dyson rescued the innings with a doughty 44 in 166 minutes.

Geoff Lawson held up the tailend with a fighting 38 not out and the tourists easily passed 101 — the lowest post-war Australian total in Britain.

Glamorgan reached 84 for four in reply. The first day of play was lost because of bad weather and the match ends Friday.

Meanwhile, fast bowler Sylvester Clarke took five Essex wickets for 36 runs to put Surrey in a strong position in their County Championship Cricket match at Chelmsford. The 25-year-old Barbadian helped dismiss

Essex for 247, despite a fine century by South African batsman Ken McEwan. McEwan made 106.

In-form Jim Love made 53 not out as Yorkshire reached 164 for five in reply to Kent's 200 for six declared at Darford, while Leicestershire had two batsmen making runs against Hampshire.

England's David Gower reached 84 not out by the close and Zimbabwe-born Brian Davison contributed 60 as Leicestershire recorded 180 for four against Hampshire.

Summarized scores: At Darford, Kent 200-6 decd, Yorkshire 164-5 (Jim Love 53 n.o.); At Leicester, Leicestershire 180-4 (David Gower 84 n.o. Brian Davison 60) vs Hampshire.

At Chelmsford, Surrey 300-6 decd, and 45-1, Essex 247 (Ken McEwan 106; Sylvester Clarke 5-36). At Uxbridge, Nottinghamshire 204-3 (Clive Rice 81 n.o. Paul Todd 61) vs Middlesex. At Northampton, Northamptonshire 170-8 decd, Derbyshire 102-5.


Graham Marsh shares top berth

WOBURN, England, May 29 (AP) — Graham Marsh of Australia shot a 4-under-par first round 68 Thursday for a share of the lead in the \$175,000 Dunlop Masters Golf Tournament at Woburn.

The West Australian, winner here in 1979, was in a three-day tie for the lead with Eamon D'Arcy of Ireland and veteran Briton Neil Coles. Sam Torrance of Scotland and in-form Spaniard Jose-Maria Canizares were one shot further back.

Bobby Clampett shot a 2-under-par 70 and was the leading American challenger. Curtis Strange recorded 71, while Hubert Green carded 72 to trail the leaders by four strokes. Dave Eichelberger had a disappointing round and finished with a 74.

Thirty-seven-year-old Marsh, who scored a tide winning birdie on the final green here two years ago, had to play his second shot at the 18th from a position 2 1/2 feet away from the out-of-bounds marker but still made par.




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♥ 9 5 4
♦ 2
♣ K 10 9 6 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ K 2
♦ K J 9 7 5 4
♣ A J 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 8 5 2
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 7

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ Dble Pass 2 ♥
3 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ 4 ♠
5 ♠ 6 ♠

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

heart to the ten. When the finesse succeeds, you cash the ace, felling the king, play a trump to the jack, and discard your club loser on the queen of hearts.

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To make the contract you must discard a diamond on the queen of hearts, not a club. If you do this and play out all your trumps, the three-card end position will be:

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			♣ 7

Consider this hand where, if you saw declarer make the slam, you might lean over and say: "How's that again?" If you doubt it, try making twelve tricks, taking full advantage of seeing all 52 cards. You'll find it mighty difficult, though it can be done.

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You now lead a club, forcing East to win and return a diamond. You finesse and thus come home safe and sound.

Note that East cannot defeat you by ditching the ace of clubs in an effort to avoid the endplay. If he does, you lead a club toward the queen and make the slam without bothering with the diamond finesse.

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(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
If you'll minimize differences with others, you'll find you have much to gain through a cooperative spirit. Travel is favored.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Intuition aids you in financial dealings. Keep confidential information private. Local visits are favored, but watch your diet.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Social life proceeds at a hectic pace. You'll have a good time, but may wish for privacy later. Avoid clandestine meetings.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Finish necessary business before socializing. Home responsibilities may limit or curtail your activities. Enjoy nearby visits.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
A private discussion augurs well for business success. Pleasant times through travel, despite the possibility of minor problems.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Watch excess spending if traveling. Keep in touch with friends at a distance. A career decision requires further investigation.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
The good outweighs the bad in close relationships. Accurate cooperation. New career ideas are worth pursuing, but don't overextend credit.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A working mood begins the day. Despite some interruptions, you'll be pleased with the results. Relax with close friends in the late afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Romance is definitely on your agenda, but watch that roving eye. You'll tend to overdo at your health's expense unless you're careful.

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(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Unexpected company may be the one snag affecting happy domesticity. Later, you'll want to go out, but don't mix business and pleasure.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You're on the go early, and in the mood to gad about. Accept invitations for good times. Early evening accents home life.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
A career proposal should interest you, but don't rush into things. This is not a time to sign papers, especially if credit is involved.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	37 Come about	10 Look after
1 Business	38 Pondered	11 Allen or Brooks
resource	41 Keen	17 Lawyer (abbr.)
6 Fundamental	42 Leg part	18 Quadruped
11 He played	43 Comic-strip pooch	19 Word with hopper
Superman	44 Poor gambler	20 Neophyte
12 Prince		21 Stone slab
Valiant's wife		22 European product
13 Peruvian	DOWN	23 Pyrenean republic
Indian	1 Uninteresting	24 Languent
14 American	2 Tampico	25 Italian one
snake	title	
15 Jime beetle	3 Assignment for a	
16 Women's patriotic group	CIA agent	
18 English river	4 Le Gallienne	
19 Off the beaten track	5 Sineu	
21 Actor	6 Vermont city	
Vallone	7 — king	
22 Circus —	8 Subversives	
23 Late world leader	9 Repeat	
24 Docile		
26 Roman highway		
27 Oklahoma city		
28 Jack Benny's mate		
30 Mad. Ave. creations		
31 Giacomini and Gedda, e.g.		
33 Cattle genus		
34 Wallach		
35 "Quincy" co-star		

Yesterday's Answer

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22 European product	23 Pyrenean republic
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KYT RNNRHKIZEKL KR FR BR
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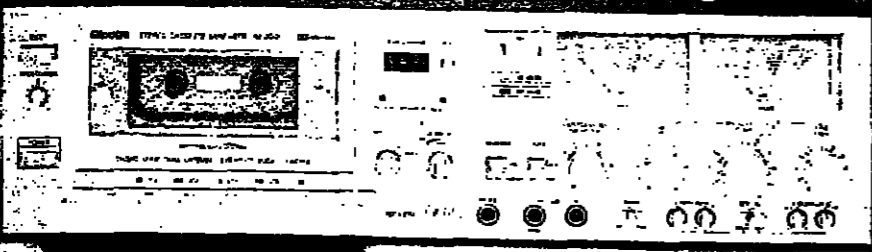
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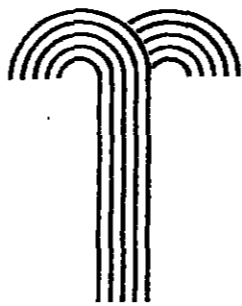
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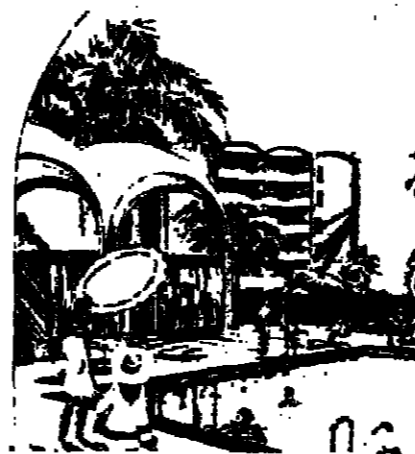
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Communists stake claim

Socialists may force poll in Italy

ROME, May 29 (R) — The government crisis brought on by the scandal over a secret Masonic lodge operating in high places might lead Italy into an early general election, political sources said Friday.

The coalition of Christian Democrat Arnaldo Forlani collapsed last Tuesday as a result of official allegations that nearly 1,000 prominent Italians, some in top government jobs, belonged to the "P2" lodge, whose members included known criminals. The Socialist Party may try to press the claims of its leader Bettino Craxi to be the next prime minister by threatening to force an early poll on the unwilling Christian Democrats, the political sources said.

politics since their support is essential for any center-left coalition seeking a parliamentary majority without reliance on the opposition Communists. Prominent Socialists said Thursday that they would press an early election to a reshuffle of Forlani's coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans.

Forlani accepted a mandate Thursday from President Sandro Pertini to try to form the country's 41st government since World War II. But the Christian Democrats appeared to be facing Socialist pressure to let Craxi lead a new center-left government or risk losing Socialist support for any other coalition — with the inevitable result of general election.

Speculation about a possible early election despite strong opposition from Pertini was

rife in Rome Friday.

"We don't want an election but we aren't afraid of one," said Alessandro Natta Communist floor leader in the chamber of deputies.

Forlani, 56, will start consulting all political groupings Monday. From Tuesday, bargaining is likely to be restricted to the Liberals and members of the outgoing coalition. The embattled premier appealed Friday for a union of all constitutional forces although he hinted that his aim was to return the outgoing coalition, possibly enlarged with the Liberals.

The Communist Party stuck to the line it has held since November, calling for an alternative democracy with Communists in the government.

The newspaper *Republican*, close to the Communist Party, said Socialist leader Bettino Craxi was bound to opt for a hard-line in a bid to scuttle Forlani's efforts to form the next government. But Christian Democrats have pointed out that Craxi cannot endorse a prolonged political crisis at a time when one quarter of the electorate is being called to vote in three weeks' time at important municipal elections.

If Forlani fails in his mission, one possible scenario now emerging is that President Pertini will give the task to the leader of another, non-Socialist party. And one man widely tipped for the job is Republican leader Giovanni Spadolini.

As Forlani consulted with fellow Christian Democratic leaders about the strategy he will pursue, investigations into the P2 lodge continued. Magistrates in Milan were reported to have sent a new list of some 500 alleged P2 members to Rome.

The Socialists play a key role in Italian



Premier Arnaldo Forlani



Socialist Bettino Craxi

Japan resists pressure against U.S. ship return

TOKYO, May 29 (R) — The Japanese government said Friday it would not bow to internal pressure and stop the U.S. aircraft carrier *Midway* from returning to its home port of Yokosuka. The mayor of Yokosuka, Kazuo Yokoyama, had asked the government to urge the United States to postpone the return of the 64,000-ton carrier because of concern over whether it was carrying nuclear weapons. The *Midway* is at present in the Philippines.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki told parliament that the government would not stop the carrier, which left Japan on Feb. 23 for an Indian Ocean patrol, from returning to Yokosuka where it has been based for more than seven years.

Defense Minister Joji Omura also said he strongly hoped the *Midway*, which is central to an eight-ship task group operating out of Yokosuka, would return to Japan. "If the vessel is hindered from coming back to Yokosuka it may undermine the smooth and effective execution of the (1960 Japan-U.S. mutual security treaty)," he said.

Shigenori Adachi, mayor of Atsugi, home for U.S. Navy carrier *Air Wing V* now aboard the *Midway*, has also asked the government to postpone the return of the ship and its 75-odd aircraft. *Air Wing V* includes two squadrons of F-4 Phantom II, two squadrons of A-6 Intruders and one squadron of A-7 Corsairs, all capable of carrying nuclear

weapons. The United States has not said specifically if the *Midway* is carrying nuclear weapons. The U.S. Navy said the ship would return to Yokosuka as scheduled next month because of the 3,000 dependents of the 5,000 crew waiting there after more than three months of separation.

"Yokosuka has the ship repair facility for the *Midway*, the supplies are here, the families are here, everything is here," navy spokesman Lt. Ruth Noonan told reporters.

Left-wing organizations affiliated with the Japanese Communist and Socialist Parties are planning demonstrations against the arrival of the ship and its escort vessels.

The Japanese government maintains that the United States has to consult Japan before bringing nuclear weapons into the country. The government came under strong criticism last week after allegations by former senior U.S. officials that warships had carried nuclear weapons to Japan in apparent violation of Japanese regulations.

But diplomatic sources said the government did not want to ask the United States directly to confirm or deny that U.S. warships had called at Japan with nuclear weapons because it feared adversereaction in Japan if the reply was affirmative.

Genscher seeks party support for NATO plan

COLOGNE, West Germany, May 29 (AP) — Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Friday sought the support of his Free Democratic Party for NATO plans to station new U.S.-built nuclear missiles in Western Europe while negotiating arms controls with the Soviet Union.

Genscher, chairman of the influential Free Democrats, told delegates to a party convention that the Soviets should, "by setting aside their previous arms buildup, by setting aside their medium-range rockets aimed at Western Europe, make our armament in response altogether superfluous."

The small Free Democratic Party holds only 53 of the 497 seats in parliament, but the organization is crucial to the governing coalition. Without its support, the Social Democrats of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt would not have a majority.

Much of the opposition, to the NATO plans comes from within the Socialist Democrats, but several Free Democrats have also voiced opposition to the missiles, and Genscher's remarks were seen as an effort to bring the rebels into line.

Deployment of 572 Cruise and Pershing II missiles is to begin in 1983. The NATO plan is a response to the Soviet stationing of SS-20 nuclear missiles in Eastern Europe.



FIRE ABOARD WARSHIP: A big blaze envelops the flight deck of the U.S. aircraft carrier *Nimitz* Tuesday midnight when a jet crashed while attempting to land and hit several other planes aboard before bursting into flames. It took the firefighters and hundreds of crewmen 70 to 80 minutes to extinguish the fire on board the world's largest nuclear-powered ship.

Tight security as Juan arrives in Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain, May 29 (R) — Armed police lined the streets Friday when King Juan Carlos arrived in Barcelona to attend armed forces day celebrations a week after gunmen held dozens of hostages in a bank.

Because of fears that extremists might have planned a bomb attack on the king, troops or spectators during a parade on Sunday, policemen checked all flats and offices along the avenue as well as sewers and railway tunnels under it. The director-general of security, Francisco Laina, has taken charge of police operations during the three-day celebrations involving 13,000 troops.

The atmosphere in Spain's second largest city was tense less than a week after gunmen, demanding the release of four officers detained after last February's attempted military coup, held dozens of hostages in the bank for 37 hours. The king, Queen Sofia and their three children drove from the airport to the city center. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo and eight cabinet ministers were also in Barcelona.

Calvo Sotelo has told parliament he

believes the bank raid was organized by right-wingers and was not an isolated incident. Many politicians believe urban guerrilla attacks are part of a plot to provoke the armed forces into another coup attempt against Spain's five-year-old democracy.

This week police discovered a tunnel, possibly linked with the bank incident, near the Avenida Diagonal where troops will march past the royal family Sunday.

Police sources said Friday they were on their guard against a possible attack by Basque separatist guerrillas or the shadowy GRAPO (October first anti-fascist resistance groups). Suspected GRAPO guerrillas killed two civil guards in Barcelona earlier this month and are believed still hiding in the city.

On the eve of armed forces day two years ago eight persons were killed in Madrid's California 47 Cafeteria in a bomb attack attributed to GRAPO. Armed forces day was created four years ago following the death of Gen. Franco to replace April 1 celebrations marking the victory of Franco's troops in the 1936-39 civil war.

Nimitz crew returns home

NORFOLK, Virginia, May 29 (AP) — Crewmen of the aircraft carrier *Nimitz* — the world's largest warship — returned to their home port and the arms of 1,000 waiting relatives Thursday. The ship's commander said a flight deck crash that killed 14 persons and injured 48 occurred after the landing jet "drifted to the right."

Damage was estimated at \$100 million and some of the 20 aircraft that were hit or burned in the crash and ensuing fire could be seen on the flight deck of the 333-meter-long nuclear-powered ship. Some had their noses based in, others their tops cut off and wires hanging out.

Capt. Jack Batzler, commanding officer of the *Nimitz*, who was on the bridge when the crash occurred just before midnight Tuesday off the northern coast of Florida, said the Marine Corps radar-jamming jet landed "not in the right position." The EA-6B started with a fairly standard approach, slightly high...and the aircraft drifted to the right, hit three A-7s parked right of the bow line...impacted with the first F-14," he said.

The landing signal officer had called for more power — telling the pilot he was not in a good position for landing and should fly off for another try, Batzler said. He didn't do it, and Batzler would not speculate why, pending the official investigation.

Petty officer Kevin O'Brien, one of the firefighters who helped extinguish the shipboard blazes within 70 to 80 minutes, said the jet "came in and clipped (hit) a helicopter, and then turned across a tractor and decapitated the person in it."

Several men said they were injured some 60 minutes after the crash, in a secondary explosion that scattered shrapnel across the deck just as firefighters thought they had extinguished the blaze.

Pneumonia toll rises
MADRID, May 29 (AP) — A still-undetected type of pneumonia has claimed its 18th and 19th victims, while more than 2,000 other persons are hospitalized because of the disease, health ministry sources said Friday.

Cases of the so-called "typical pneumonia" increased at an average 200 persons a day, with some 100 others being discharged from the hospital, the ministry sources said. Doctors say symptoms of the disease are cough, fever, headache and chest pain.

Soong Chingling dies of cancer

PEKING, May 29 (Agencies) — Soong Chingling, widow of the founder of modern China, Sun Yat-sen, died Friday of cancer after the Communist rulers honored her with the title of honorary head of state.

Peking Radio broke into its regular programs to announce the death from Leukemia of Madame Soong, the only member of her famous family of Chinese nationalists to throw her support behind the Communists.

During her final illness Soong was admitted to the Chinese Communist Party, after repeatedly rejecting her. In keeping with her elevated status, China announced the most elaborate mourning ceremonies since the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976.

Soong was born into an extraordinary family, founded by Charles Jones Soong, a former Methodist missionary who had been educated in the United States and who had created a comfortable fortune as an industrialist in Shanghai. There were three daughters and three sons in the luxurious Soong home in the French Concession at Shanghai.

Born in 1890, Soong "happy mood" was the second of the three sisters. The eldest was Soong Ailing ("Loving Mood") who died in the United States in 1973, and the youngest was Soong Meiling ("Beautiful Mood"), widow of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Ailing's husband was the extremely wealthy and influential H.H. Kung (K'ung Hsiang-hsi), who was a descendant of the philosopher Confucius.

Luns to step down

OSLO, May 29 (AFP) — Norwegian Foreign Minister Knut Frydenlund and Defense Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg are possible candidates to succeed Joseph Luns as secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization when Dr. Luns decides to step down, the Norwegian newspaper *Aften* -



SALUTES AND SMILES: President Ronald Reagan returns a marine's salute as he and his wife flew back home from graduation ceremonies at West Point U.S. Military Academy. The trip must have been a pleasant one judging from the wide grins on their faces.

Iraqis raid Iranian town

BAGHDAD, May 29 (Agencies) — Iraqi forces Friday launched a dawn raid on Dahlan near the central Iranian city of Isfahan, some 300 kms from the Gulf war front, a military spokesman said here.

The spokesman, quoted by the state news agency, said Iraqi units advanced under cover of darkness to the edge of the town. They clashed with Iranian forces outside the town and wiped out "enemy forces" within Dahlan, the spokesman said.

Iraqi also claimed its forces shot down seven Iranian Phantom jet fighters Thursday in major aerial battles over the southern sector of the Iran-Iraq battle front.

A communique broadcast by Baghdad

radio said five of the Iranian war planes were shot down in dog fight with raiding Iraqi jets and two by anti-aircraft defenses.

The raiding Iraqi jets bombed Iranian positions in the Bao area, scoring direct hits and returning safely to base, the communique added.

It claimed 6 Iranian troops were killed by the Iraqis in frontal attacks on Iranian troop concentrations along the 300-mile battle front. It conceded 199 Iraqi deaths in 24 hours.

Iran had earlier said that revolutionary guards supported by artillery recaptured Havar Mama Heights, a strategic point between Marivan and the town of Paveh.

Kabul radio seizure attempt fails

NEW DELHI, May 29 (AFP) — Soviet security forces foiled an attempt by Afghan Mujahideen to seize Kabul radio last Sunday, according to reports from the Afghan capital received here Friday.

Two of the Mujahideen who managed to enter the radio building were killed by Soviet soldiers guarding the installation, witnesses were reported as saying. One Soviet soldier was said to have been wounded in the shooting.

Meanwhile, fighting has broken out in Paghmal, about 20 kms from Kabul, between Mujahideen and combined Soviet and Afghan government troops, according to the same reports.

On Saturday, Mujahideen attacked the governor's house in Paghmal, the old royal summer capital. It was reported that an unspecified number of Soviet troops were killed and many buildings were set afire during the raid.

lar or larger turnouts were expected throughout the remainder of its run.

The three days of demonstrations at Seoul National University had brought no known disturbances on other major campuses, nor open support from other quarters. Still the repeated student actions and the violent confrontations with police raised memories of the role students have played in Korea's modern history. They supplied the spark that led to the downfall of President Syngman Rhee in 1960. In the years since, they have taken their protests to the campuses and streets, challenging governments and authority.

Demonstrators this week have told reporters they did not accept the legitimacy of the Chun government. They have shouted slogans calling for democracy and freedom,

including freedom of the press. Although formal censorship ended when martial law was lifted on Jan. 24, the media still adheres closely to government guidelines. There has been only peripheral mention of the demonstrations this week, or of earlier ones at various schools this spring.

Some students involved in the latest protests maintained that because they are young, with their lives and careers ahead of them, they have no political or "impure" motives. They said they were acting because they want "justice." "Why must it always be the students? asked one middle-aged Korean.

"There are others who encourage them, but who do not have the courage to act. The young, they act even at the risk of their future."

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